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UNOFFICIAL PEACE PARLEYS

Dr. Shao Confers With
Red Chief Near Peiping

MAIL SERVICE RESUMED

Nan king, February 25.

Measures for the opening of peace talks between the Nationalists and the Communists have been worked out by the Government peace delegate, Dr. Shao Li-tse, and the Red leader, Mr. Mao Tse-tung, according to an unconfirmed Chinese report today.

Hormone For
Birth Control

Tokyo, February 25.

Japanese doctors have developed a hormone injection which they claim assures birth control for a period of six months, according to press reports from Osaka today.

Two Osaka University doctors announced successful tests in preventing conception among animals through the use of hormones extracted from a pregnant woman. They said they are convinced the injections would act as an effective contraceptive for humans.

The Osaka doctors stated their "Torchio Plasto Hormone" contained chemicals which the human female produces to prevent a second conception after pregnancy has developed.—United Press.

Outlines Of
Truman's
Programme

Lake Success, February 25.

The U.S. laid before the United Nations today the outlines of President Truman's broad new programme for long-range betterment of underprivileged areas all over the world.

The first major policy statement here on the fourth point in Mr. Truman's inaugural address was given to the 18-nation Economic and Social Council by Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. William L. Thorp.

There was no mention of how much money the United States might put up or how private capital would participate as proposed by Mr. Truman.

Mr. Thorp urged the Council to take up a three-point programme he said the United States would offer as a resolution. It proposed that:

1—The U.N. and its specialized agencies prepare a co-ordinated concrete programme for consideration by the Council at its summer Session in Geneva.

2—The report cover ways and means for arranging for financial expansion to support projects undertaken on recommendation of the U.N. and agencies.

3—The report include recommendations for co-ordination of planning, execution, and control.

"The time-table for attainment of these objectives of economic development is measured in decades, not in years," Mr. Thorp told the Council. "The re-orientation of the way of life of millions of people can come only gradually. However, with a bold new programme of technical co-operation the United Nations can hasten significantly economic development."—Associated Press.

The Weather

At 8:00 A.M. (S.M. 1949) a moderate anticyclone is stationary over Mexico and Central China. The depression is moving NE across Japan and deepening. Pressure remains moderately low over Indo-China.

Today's Forecast: Light S.W. winds freshening. Cloudy with morning fog or mist, occasional drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 22.0 deg. F. Minimum: 12.0 deg. F. Sunshine: 14 hours.

Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—1.12 in. (max. 0.8 in. at airport on average of 10 years).

Readings at:

Bar. at sea level: 1013.6 m.m. Hg. at 1000 ft. 1008.6 m.m. Hg. at 2000 ft. 998.6 m.m. Hg. at 3000 ft. 988.6 m.m. Hg. at 4000 ft. 978.6 m.m. Hg. at 5000 ft. 968.6 m.m. Hg. at 6000 ft. 958.6 m.m. Hg. at 7000 ft. 948.6 m.m. Hg. at 8000 ft. 938.6 m.m. Hg. at 9000 ft. 928.6 m.m. Hg. at 10000 ft. 918.6 m.m. Hg.

Wind Direction: S.W. Wind Force: 15 knots.

Time: 10:00 A.M. High: 10:00 A.M. Low: 4:00 P.M.

Dr. Shao, who is one of the Government's four official peace delegates, accompanied Dr. W. W. Yen's unofficial Shanghai peace mission to Peiping.

The Nanking Daily News said that Dr. Shao and Mr. Chiang Yung, who is one of the members of Dr. Yen's four-man peace mission, sent telegrams back to Nanking, stating that the Communists agreed to the resumption of transport and mail service between Red-occupied territories and Nationalist areas.

The newspaper said Mr. Chiang Yung told Mr. Tung Pi-wu, chairman of the Communist North China People's Government, that shipping trade between the Red-occupied North China ports of Tientsin and Chinwangtao and Nationalist Shanghai and Tsingtao should be opened up before the convocation of peace talks.

Mr. Chiang said Mr. Tung agreed that this should be done.

A Communist broadcast meanwhile reported that Professor Shao and the Shanghai peace mission group visited Mr. Mao and the number two Communist, Mr. Chou En-lai, at Shiheli-chung on February 22 and left two days later.

To Start Soon

The Nanking Daily said formal peace talks are expected to begin shortly, possibly after Professor Shao returns to Nanking to report to Acting President Li Tsung-jen on his trip.

The paper added that Professor Shao and Dr. Yen's peace group are expected to return tomorrow.

Reuters reports from Shanghai that China's peace prospects made another notable advance with official announcement by the Nationalist postal authorities that from today mail service between Government and Communist areas will be resumed.

This development follows the return of the Chinese steamer Greater Shanghai from the first successful barter deal with Communist North China, and the decision of the National Shipping Guild to place 10 more ships on the regular service between Shanghai and Communist-held North East Hopei port of Chinwangtao.

The postal announcement said that ordinary, express and registered mails, as well as parcels, would be accepted for Peiping and Tientsin from today, while for other Communist areas, including Manchuria, only ordinary mails will be accepted for the time being.

Shanghai Prepares

It further revealed that the first 3,000 bags of mail for Communist territory would be sent to Chinwangtao next Monday aboard the steamer Nanshan, one of the 10 additional vessels earmarked for the North China run to carry on barter trade between Nationalist and Communist territories.

Meanwhile, Shanghai business and industrial circles, anticipating a favourable reply from the Nationalist Government to their recent request for permission to start free trading with North China, are reported to be preparing shipments of hemp, peanut oil and other goods to be exchanged with the Communists for their produce.

According to the trade programme announced in the Communist areas, they would be willing to barter tobacco leaves, soybeans, bean oil and fruit for raw materials for making ammunition and armaments, educational supplies, machinery and reconstruction materials.

Associated Press reports that Shanghai gave the economic reforms a strictly deadpan greeting.

Both Chinese and foreign business circles said they would wait and see how they are applied. After a brief flurry,

the gold yuan settled back to yesterday's closing rate, with one United States dollar buying GV2,950.

However, at one time, during the morning, the exchange certificate rate, through which currency exchange is legal, exceeded for the first time the black market exchange rate when it briefly touched 3,700.

Foreign businessmen thought they saw labour trouble ahead in the provision which says wages may be computed legally in silver dollars. One foreigner said he had been trying to buy 500 silver dollars all morning but could only find a few street peddlers with no more than 50 each for sale.

The Chinese, however, take the view the whole reform represents a realistic contraction paralleling the National Government shrunken domain from which taxes and other revenues are collectable.

While they are disappointed that free exchange of foreign currencies is still not permitted, they say equalisation of the exchange certificate rate with the black market, which is now possible, means the black market will have legal competition and therefore be more susceptible to control.

Li In Nanking

They add that the creation of the new customs gold yuan unit for paying tariffs means foreign currency to buy these units must come from somewhere and implies continued tolerance of black market operation to supply such foreign currency.

Meanwhile, President Li Tsung-jen returned today to Nanking from his flying six-day tour of South China designed to strengthen support for peace policy with the Communists according to Reuters.

He is expected immediately to consider the latest reports on the progress towards peace made by the Shanghai non-partisan peace delegation in its recent exchange of views with Communist leaders in North China.

Later, he will meet provincial, political and military leaders to further his plans for reform to contain the progress of Communism and prepare for reconstruction in China when the civil war is over.

More than 100 legislators at an informal meeting here today decided to begin the next Legislative Yuan session in Nanking on February 28.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuters.

Shootings
In Berlin

Berlin, February 25.

Russian troops and Russian-controlled German police fired shots into the Western sectors of Berlin in three separate incidents last night. There were no casualties.

Russian border guards opened up with carbines on a radio car of the West sector Berlin police which strayed into the Russian Zone at Marienfeld, a suburb South of here bordering on the American sector.

In the other two incidents East sector police fired on trucks believed to have been driven by black marketeers which crashed through the barriers from the Russian sector into the Eastern sectors. Both trucks escaped.

United Press.

CPA Plane
Wreckage

Twenty-one bodies were recovered from the CPA Dakota wreck yesterday. Two are still missing. Here is a clearer view of the wreckage showing labourers trying to pull the engine and propeller from the wreckage.—China Mail Photo.



The tail and damaged fins are all that remain of the body of the CPA Dakota which crashed into a ravine opposite the Commercial Press, King's Road, on Thursday.—China Mail Photo.

Labour Retains Seat
For S. Hammersmith
In Straw Vote Election

London, February 24.

Labour retained its House of Commons seat for the drab West London district of South Hammersmith in a by-election regarded as a straw vote for the next national elections.

Mr. Tom Williams (Labour) polled 15,223 votes against 13,610 for the Conservative candidate, Mr. Anthony Fell.

Examination
Of UK Economic
Structure Asked

Washington, February 25.

Senator Robert A. Taft, Republican from Ohio, demanded today an examination of the economic structure of Great Britain before Congress votes money for a second year of Marshall Plan aid.

Mr. Taft, who heads the Senate Republican Policy Committee, said he doubts the statement of Mr. Christopher P. Mayhew, British Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, that Britain has recovered her economic feet and is turning to new social and economic experiments.

The Republican leader said he does not think Mr. Mayhew's views will have much influence in Congressional consideration of the U.S.\$5,580,000,000 European recovery authorization bill.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is expected to complete redrafting the bill today, but Mr. Taft declared that "before the appropriations committee act on the actual appropriations, I think there should be a new examination of Britain's economy to see where she stands."—Associated Press.

GM CARS DOWN

Detroit, February 25.

General Motors Corporation today announced price cuts of U.S.\$10 to \$40 on all its passenger automobiles, attributing the action to savings resulting from a downward revision in wage scale and savings in certain materials.—Associated Press.

REFORM CLUB HOLDS
INAUGURAL MEETING

About 400 people attended the inaugural meeting of the newly-formed Reform Club of Hong Kong, held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday evening.

A resolution put to the meeting by Mr. Marcus da Silva, that the Reform Club represented an organised movement needed in Hong Kong, and promising to support its published programme, was passed with acclaim.

Mr. Charles Loseby, chairman of the Club Committee, who presided, delivered the inaugural address.

He said people had asked whether the Reform Club really meant business, and whether it had any reasonable chance of achieving it. His reply was that it certainly was in earnest, and, provided public support, was forthcoming, he was confident it would be able to achieve something.

Mr. Loseby said the first plank of the Club's platform was a good neighbour policy. There had been criticism that the Club's first platform was too general. He said its first platform must be general.

After a series of public meetings, when it is hoped the views of the public would be gauged, it could go ahead working out a short term policy and a long term policy.

No problem shall be shirked because it is too difficult. To this end a working committee is functioning to decide upon the scope of the Club's activities.

"There are, however, some matters which cannot be delayed," said Mr. Loseby, because they are pressing daily on the life of this place.

He referred to the black market, the housing problem, and the steadily rising cost of living.

"Our activities shall be concentrated on such matters as are practical or capable of rectification, and we shall contact Government on those matters, and having contacted Government, we shall not let go," said Mr. Loseby.

Constitutional Reform

We must have constitutional reform. We must have a legislature where the people may have a say in their management. It is the right and responsibility of the citizen. Take that right away from him, and you get an uninspired, spineless, and self-seeking individual.

"We must reconstitute and revitalize our legislature. That is the first prerequisite."

Mr. Loseby then attacked the proposed municipal council as inadequate. He said:

"I hope Government will not imagine that the parish council scheme, that long forgotten baby, will satisfy anybody or solve any problem."

The next speaker was Mr. Ma Man-fai, a member of the Committee, who endorsed the Chairman's remark that a good neighbour policy should be the first plank in the Club's platform. He emphasised the link between Hong Kong and China.

He said constitutional reform was the first pre-requisite of any reform in Hong Kong, and endorsed the chairman's remark that the legislature should be reconstituted and revitalised.

Open To Public

The meeting was then thrown open to the public and questions were put to the Chairman by the audience.

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Hong Kong
To Receive
Free Grant

London, February 24.

Hong Kong is to receive a free grant of £1,000,000 sterling to assist in war damage repairs and another £250,000 for the Hong Kong University.

Announcing this in the House of Commons today, the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. D. R. Nease-Williams, said: "The Secretary of State believes the University of Hong Kong should have enormous influence, not only in the Colony but in a much wider area."

"We hope the culture which will be apparent in the University and the learning which will be received will be of great advantage to people of wide area, and furthermore will assist in showing to the people of the Far East something of the British way of life."

Regarding war damage compensation, he said the British Government had accepted the Hong Kong Government's recommendation that no compensation should be paid from public funds, but "the Government was anxious to give practical assistance to the Colony as evidence of goodwill."—United Press.

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TAXPAYERS' OBLIGATION TO REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Court Packed As Fraud Case Starts

The case in which two men and two women are stated to have fraudulently obtained \$200,000 came up before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday. The court was packed with spectators long before the case came up.

Two of the four defendants, Big Yuk-ping and Tang Pak-ho, were represented by Mr. A.S.C. Comber, while the third, Shui-chiu-wan alias Miss Lee, was represented by Mr. C.A. Sutherland and the other, Yeung Su, by Mr. M.A. da Silva.

They are being charged with larceny by means of trickery and conspiracy.

Mr. Silva, in applying for a reduction of bail, said that both Messrs. Comber and Sutherland were engaged somewhere and asked to be excused. They have requested him to apply for bail on behalf of their clients as well.

Big Bail

"As I pointed out to you at the last remand this is the hey day for high bail," said Mr. Silva, who added that he had to remind the court of the "Extradition Case" when the prosecution asked for \$5,000,000.

Inspector Moore, continued Mr. Silva, will not deny the fact that the defendants are residents of the Colony and have business and property of their own. The court will consider that persons of this type are not likely to jump bail. He said he was asking for a substantial bail but not a prohibitive one as in the present case when \$200,000 was asked for.

High bail is tantamount to denying the right of having bail, he said, adding, "I am asking for bail of \$100,000 for each of the defendants and that should be accepted."

Considering the seriousness of the case and the high sum involved, Inspector Moore said the bail asked for is not high and was on instructions of Crown Counsel.

Mr. Silva said that if Crown Counsel have anything to say he should be present and say it and not through a Police Officer.

Inspector Moore said that for five weeks he had made enquiries and was of the opinion that there was a prima facie case against the defendants.

Mr. d'Almada fixed bail of \$100,000 half in cash and half in surety.

The case will come up for hearing on April 12.

Proceedings Against Alleged Armed Robbers

Committal proceedings against three men charged with armed robbery was heard before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendants, all of whom are unemployed, are Cheung Kwai-sang, aged 35, Lam Chuen, aged 31, and Chan Ping-lam, aged 34.

The first defendant was additionally charged with being in possession of arms without a licence; Lam and Chan, with receiving stolen property.

The second defendant is represented by Mr. C.A.S. Russ; the others have no legal representation.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison prosecuting, brought evidence to show that an armed robbery was committed at 92 Wauwau Street on January 6.

The premises housed the Yuen On Hong, an import and export firm, of which Mr. Wong Yui is manager.

Giving evidence, Mr. Wong said that on January 6, he was returning to the named address when he was held up by a man with a revolver and forced into his flat.

There he found five others, two of his employees and three visitors, squatting on the floor, their hands bound with wiring.

Inspector Morrison said that upon police investigation after the incident, the first defendant was arrested on Nathan Road on January 23.

MR. W. J. KEATES

The condition of Mr. Walter J. Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald" who was injured in a train accident on February 14, was reported last night to have improved slightly.

At 11.15 p.m. yesterday, three men armed with one revolver entered the premises at 12 Castle Peak Road, ground floor, and robbed the occupants of money and gold rings estimated at \$400. No arrest had been made up to last night.

Potential taxpayers leaving the Colony without notifying the Inland Revenue Department are still liable to tax, said Mr. E. W. Pudney, Commissioner of Inland Revenue, at a Press conference yesterday.

The Commissioner said that the Department has already caught up with a man who had left for Australia without discharging his obligations to the Government.

He added that the only effect of not settling matters with the Inland Revenue Department before leaving the Colony is to make payment of tax more difficult.

During the year a number of false returns were discovered. In all the instances the parties did not object to the penalties imposed.

More than HK\$30,000,000 of the year's estimated HK\$40,000,000 in taxes has been collected by the Department.

Referring to the right of a taxpayer to require that his assessment be adjusted to the profits actually arising during the year of assessment instead of the preceding year, Mr. Pudney said:

Adjusted To Profits

"Section 19 (1) of the Inland Revenue Ordinance grants to any person liable to Profits Tax for the year of assessment 1947-48 the right to require that his tax assessment be adjusted to the profits actually arising during that year of assessment instead of the preceding year."

"This right applies only to the year of assessment 1947-48 and must be exercised before March 31, 1949. I therefore call the attention of the public to the fact that this right must be exercised by the 31st March 1949."

Mr. Pudney added: "Members of trade associations should note that generally speaking, their subscriptions to such associations are allowable as deductions from profits for Profits Tax purposes. It is important that the trade association must be one directly connected with the trade concerned and not an entirely independent one to which the taxpayer may make a subscription of purely sentimental grounds."

"At the same time, it should be noted that under section 29 (2) trade associations to which such allowable subscriptions are made are held to be carrying on business where more than half their receipts are from persons claiming such subscriptions as allowable deductions."

Liability Not Affected

"Such associations are liable to tax on their profits. The ultimate destination or object of those profits does not in any way affect tax liability. The mere fact that such profits are used for the benefit of the trade and are not distributed to the individuals does not of itself render them exempt from tax."

"There is, I believe, an impression that the new section 89A of the Ordinance which was inserted by the Inland Revenue (Amendment) Ordinance, 1949 (Ordinance No. 3 of 1949) grants exemption to such trade associations. This is not so."

"Section 89A deals only with charitable, ecclesiastical or educational institutions. Trade associations within the scope of section 29 (2) are not covered by this and should file returns as required by all persons or bodies of persons carrying on a trade or business."

"Liquidators of companies are reminded that if, during the course of a liquidation, they carry on trade or business in the Colony, they are liable to tax under Chapter IV."

"They should be particularly careful to notify the Inland Revenue Department that the company being liquidated has discontinued business and that they are acting as liquidators. They should also be particularly careful to see that in the final settlement of the company's affairs they should make provision for tax. Failing such provision it is possible that a liquidator might become personally liable."

Fined For Trespassing

A 25-year-old farmer, Ho Sun, was arrested on the morning of February 24 at the Yauwau Railway Station, when he was seen walking up and down a railway carriage in a suspicious manner.

When challenged, he produced a child's ticket for Shanghai dated February 22. Charged with trespassing before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Ho said that he just came from Nan Kong a day before his arrest. He intended to go back to the country and had bought the ticket from a young man outside the station.

He had no knowledge that the ticket was not valid, for he could not read, and the young man told him that the ticket would take him to Nan Kong.

The probably bought the ticket from a black marketeer, said Sub-Inspector J.P. Evans.

Court Turns Down Appeals

"Are you suggesting that it is not an offence in China to assault people with intent to rob?" asked Mr. Justice Williams of Lam Wan, an appellant at a Court of Appeal yesterday.

The Appeal was composed of Judge and Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge).

Lam, who had been sentenced by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) on February 3 to eight strokes of the cane after having been found guilty of assault with intent to rob, was applying for leave to appeal against the law of the severity of his sentence.

The prisoner had told the Court that the sentence had been too severe, and that, as he was only a newcomer to the Colony, he did not know about the law.

Lam replied by saying that even though he did not know, he had never done such a thing before.

His application was refused.

The Appeal was also dismissed in the applications of Mak Pui and Mak Chien, both of whom had been convicted on January 24. First appellant had been sentenced to eight years and nine strokes, for robbery and possession of arms and ammunition. The second appellant had been given three years for possession of arms and ammunition.

Both the prisoners asked for a reduction of their sentences.

Another appellant, Chan Hin-wan, also had his application for leave to appeal against his sentence dismissed. After he was told by Mr. Justice Williams that he had been found guilty of wounding with intent to cause bodily harm, and that the sentence of four years imposed on him on December 23, 1948, was not a heavy sentence for such an offence.

The appellants yesterday had their applications for legal aid dismissed.

Foki Sentenced To 15 Months For Larceny

Leung Wing-mun, a 38-year-old foki of the Shanghai Transport Company with three previous convictions for larceny and one breach of a deportation order, was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment by Mr. E. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday for larceny and breach of a deportation order.

Defendant called a police officer to give evidence on his behalf. PC 2542, Sit Wai-cheong, said he knew defendant when he was in Shanghai. As far as he knew, defendant was a business man. Sit continued that he knew nothing of defendant after he left Shanghai.

Defendant, in his defence, said that he was a law-abiding person and that he had never stolen anything in his life. He went on to say that he was a Christian and Christians were not supposed to steal.

"Don't trade on Christianity," said the magistrate. "I am satisfied with the complainant's evidence and I find you guilty."

Defendant was ordered to be re-deported.

Film On Paper Manufacture

A film entitled "A River of Paper" was shown by Charles Morgan Company, Ltd., by arrangement with the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner, Mr. K. F. Noble, at the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

A cocktail party was held preceding the showing of the picture.

The film, in technicolour, was made by the Powell River Paper and Paper Company of Canada, showing the various stages of the manufacture of newsprint.

Mr. Noble said that 3,724,000 tons of newsprint are being exported by 18 countries a year. Out of that, 4,375,000 tons are being exported by Canada, and Newfoundland, which will become the 10th province of Canada on April 1, is exporting 470,000 tons. This means that Canada is exporting about 65 per cent of the newsprint in the world.



Mr. Charles Loseby is shown addressing the audience at yesterday's meeting of the Reform Club. (Story on Page One).

Annual Meeting Of A.S. Watson & Co.

A net profit of HK\$1,917,718 for the year ended October 31, 1948, was announced at the 6th annual general meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., held at the Jacobean Room, Hong Kong Hotel, yesterday.

Mr. D. E. Clark, chairman of the Board, who presided, informed shareholders that the demand for aerated waters last season was the heaviest the Company had yet experienced.

"When I previously addressed you from the Chair concerning the matter of Increase of Capital, I indicated that this was required mainly for the construction and equipping of an up-to-date Aerated Water plant in Kowloon to enable us to cater more efficiently and economically for the ever-increasing demands for our Aerated Waters, particularly in the summer months."

"I am now pleased to be able to report that the construction work of the building is well advanced, permitting the assembly of the new machinery and equipment to begin in the middle of the year before work is finally completed, we have every reason to believe that it will be possible for us to commence production there by the middle of April next."

"I would add that demands for our Aerated Waters last season were the heaviest yet experienced, entailing a severe strain on our existing plant and machinery at North Point as well as on all personnel connected with this part of the business, who had to work at high pressure to cope with orders for stock. Consequently, we can consider with a certain degree of optimism that this recent acquisition will prove successful in every respect in the years ahead."

Usual Charges

"Regarding the Accounts as presented, Trading Profit for the period under review, after deduction of the usual charges including depreciation to the extent of \$132,108, amounted to \$1,017,718. To this figure must be added profit on sale of Canton properties \$74,553, and additional premium received on issue of new shares not taken up by existing Members \$46,317 which, together with Balance brought forward from previous account of \$340,812, less transfer of \$200,000 to provide for taxation on profits, makes available for allocation the sum of \$2,181,470."

"In attaining this creditable result, it might be recorded that our various Departments effected very substantial increases in volume of turnover compared with the previous year's trading and, although there may be indications that a certain recession in trade generally is possible in the period ahead, due to factors directly and indirectly associated with the disturbed outlook pertaining to this part of the world, I feel we can confidently look forward to obtaining a continuance of our fair share of available business, particularly as our capital expenditure for the past year also covered the replacement of certain units of our plant and machinery at North Point together with a complete overhaul of our Manufacturing Drug Department so that these, now fully modernized, are well situated to meet eventualities regarding economical operation and volume production."

Year's Expenditure

Dealing with the accounts, Mr. Clark said expenditure during the year on rehabilitation and improvements to properties amounted to approximately HK\$290,000, of which HK\$130,272 had been charged to provision for rehabilitation of buildings, plant and machinery, and the balance to capital account.

Capital commitments outstanding at October 31, 1948, amounted to HK\$1,000,000, representing remaining instalments of payment for constructional work on the new factory.

War Losses Account had been omitted from the Balance Sheet. This had been completely written off at the last meeting as a subject of compensation for Hong Kong, it being clear that no financial redress could be expected by Hong Kong claimants.

Mr. Clark moved that the balance of HK\$2,181,470, standing to credit of Profit and Loss Account be appropriated as follows:

To Transfer to General Reserve \$500,000.00

To Dividend on Old Shares for the year, less Tax 540,000.00

To Bonus of \$3.00 per share on Old Shares for the year, less Tax 450,000.00

To Dividend of \$2.00 per share on New Shares for the year, less Tax 270,000.00

To Bonus of \$1.50 per share on New Shares for the year, less Tax 202,500.00

And Carry Forward to Next Account 263,970.00

\$2,181,470.00

The proposal was seconded by Mr. R. Johannessen who expressed the gratification of shareholders at the excellent result of the year's working and their thanks to the Board, management and staff, for their effort.

After the report and accounts were passed, the retiring directors, Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. S.T. Turner, Mr. M.H. Turner, and Mr. J.Y.V. Hunt and Mr. D.I. Prophet were re-appointed auditors.

Supporting Mr. Clark in the chair were Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. M.H. Turner and Mr. L. Guy (Directors) and Mr. Paterson (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. R. Johannessen, B. Wong, J.L. Qiu, H. Owen, Hughes, W.G. Harrison, W.A. Stewart, G.W. Sewell, G.W. Strang, R.H. Wild, R. Sleep, H. Tim, J. Jones, H. Yip-beng, Weng Chi-po, A. Vaswani, Wong Kin-kei and Major C.W.L. Way.

Proceedings For Alleged Forgery

Summary proceedings were started against S. J. Moulam before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday in connection with the alleged forging of a Bill of Lading.

Moulam was charged with having, on February 7, 1948, with intent to defraud, forged a Bill of Lading purporting to be a document of title to goods shipped to Shanghai by Benjamin and Sons Storage, Ltd., and with uttering the document on February 5.

Mr. H.G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. Hammond is conducting the prosecution, while accused is defended by Mr. M.A. da Silva.

Outlining the facts, Mr. Sheldon said that defendant was formerly the Manager of Benjamin and Sons Storage, Ltd., and held the post until November 1947. After he left the firm, he was permitted to use the office and also the services of a clerk.

In February defendant phoned the clerk and told him that he, defendant, had some goods to ship to Shanghai and asked if he could use him. When defendant left the firm he was told that he could not use the firm's name.

Later, defendant told the clerk to fill in a Bill of Lading for 10 cases of goods for Shanghai. Defendant then went to Mr. Benjamin for an endorsement of the bill but was refused, since defendant was no longer connected with the firm, he could not make use of the firm's name.

A month later Benjamin and Sons received information from Shanghai that their goods had been seized and that a fine had also been imposed on the firm. Defendant had been granted a power of attorney to act for the firm but the authority lapsed when he left the firm.

The case was adjourned to Monday at 2.30 p.m.

Wolfram Case Defendants Discharged

The submission by Mr. A. S. C. Comber that his clients had no case to answer being upheld by the Court, Lam Ping-kwan, 57-year-old master of Kwong Wai Loong Wolfram Ore Company and Lam Lee, his foki, were discharged by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

The two Lams were co-defendants with Tang Choi, 46-year-old wolfram dealer of 20 Nan Chang Street, in the case of receiving 60 bags of wolfram ore alleged to have been stolen from the Haitian Street godown of the Chinese National Resources Commission between January 15-16.

Mr. A.S.C. Comber represented the two Lams. Third accused was defended by Mr. C.A. Sutherland. Detective Sub-Inspector J.D. Brown prosecuted in the absence of Detective Inspector C. Dowman.

Tang Choi, found guilty by the Court, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour.

Travelling Traders

In his own defence, Tang said that he had been dealing in mineral ore for more than 10 years and was the sole proprietor of the Hing Mineral Shop at 28 Nan Chang Street. His customers were mostly travelling traders from various parts of the country.

A great deal of his business was done in the early morning, for the smugglers usually came out before the town was astir to avoid attention. On January 15 two men came to his shop and showed him samples of wolfram ore. As it is very difficult to judge the quality of the ore, he told the strangers to bring the goods to his shop and if he should find the goods satisfactory, the price could then be discussed.

The following morning a lorry arrived with the ore in 95 bags. He paid the men HK\$200 for transportation. The bags of ore were then sent to Kwong Wai Loong for resale, but were later returned.

"I have no doubt of your guilt," said Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Mr. Comber intimated that he would make an application for the restitution of his clients' property now held in police custody. This matter will be debated on March 7.

Licence Needed To Drive Car, Student Told

"You all must know and must have known that all over the world you cannot drive a car unless you have a licence, and even if I was in Shanghai today, I cannot drive a car without a licence," remarked Mr. E.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday when he imposed a fine of \$400 on a student on two counts of violation of the traffic regulations.

The student, Tang Ching-ying, 16, pleaded guilty to charges of driving a car without a licence and without the owner's permission.

Defendant was driving Car No. 468 along Queen's Road Central from East to West on Thursday and when outside the Underwriters Bank he collided with another car, proceeding along the same route.

Both the drivers reported the accident to the Traffic Office. Subsequently, enquiries made by Inspector BI revealed that defendant had no licence and that he had no permission to drive the car.

The car, according to the prosecution, was owned by defendant's father who is at present in Shanghai.



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JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF IN AGREEMENT CASE

Regulations Amended

The Governor has amended Regulations governing the grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning the Efficiency Decoration and the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

The effect of the amendments is that officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and members of the Corps who were serving in the Corps on September 1, 1945, will be entitled to the Efficiency Decoration if they have been in the Corps for a period of not less than two years and have been awarded the Efficiency Decoration on at least one occasion.

This means that members of the HKVDC who join the Hong Kong Defence Force will be allowed to add their service in the Corps to their service in the HKVDC to qualify for Efficiency Medals and Efficiency Decorations.

They will also reckon all such embedded service in the ranks on the active service list as full single qualifying service.

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Personalia

Messrs. Chen Boon-tong, Lam Loong-chee, Tan Ten-nun and Sufar Singh left for Singapore by CNA yesterday.

Among those who left for Manila yesterday by CPA were Messrs. Pedro T. Lamadrid, Ilo-Ilo, Lamadrid, Juanita Felipe, Enlita Ong, Federico Ong, J. Salasay and Shakespeare Chan.

Arrivals from Canton yesterday by the ss. Fatah included Miss I.C. Kohls, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Schreider, Mrs. E.K.V. Wagner, Miss I.P. Schneider, Mrs. V. Lee, G. Tyrell, Messrs. H.M. Binks, J.E. Mogra, C.C. Wilson, N. Mohamed, L.L. Doane, G.H. Thomas and Captain J.W. Collin.

Mr. Harry Odell will address the Hong Kong Rotary Club on Tuesday at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 12.30 p.m. His subject will be "A Film Show."

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. Leonard Jackson, civil servant of Buxley Lodge, Conduit Road, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Wilson, nursing sister, of Queen Mary Hospital.

REFORM CLUB HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING

(Continued from Page 1)

In reply to a questioner, Mr. Brock Berridge, a member of the Committee, said the aim of the Club was to build up a Hong Kong citizen to take an interest in Hong Kong. The question of representation in Government would be considered.

Mr. George She suggested that the Club should form itself into a sort of parliament and deliberate on any questions which the Legislative Council discusses. "We could then compare their opinion and ours," he said amid laughter.

One questioner said Hong Kong's educational system was in a way responsible for its upathy. Pupils were taught the ordinary school subjects without being encouraged to take an interest in anything else.

Another suggested that there should be a public meeting, at which public meetings could be held regularly for the airing of public views and grievances, instead of as at present being confined to the correspondence columns of the Press.

Major Brazier Creagh supported the contention that there should be representation of the people in Government and the creation of a Hong Kong citizen, but that the Hong Kong citizen should be a person who takes a personal interest in Hong Kong's defence.

He suggested that a condition should be incorporated in the Club's programme that every member, man or woman, should join the Defence Force or other defence organisation.

Mr. Marcus da Silva, another member of the Committee, was the last speaker. He said the trend of modern legislation was an enrichment on human liberty, and suggested that the Reform Club was a sort of vigilance committee and guardian of the citizen's right.

It would serve as a sort of complaints committee, envisaged before the war, whereby complaints could be relayed to Government. It is a channel for the unrepresented Hong Kong citizen to seek redress, or to air out views or complaints, or wants or expectations.

At the forthcoming annual general meeting of members of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, the Directors will recommend that subject to audit, a dividend of the rate of 12 1/2 per cent be paid in respect of the year 1948.

"A bad bargain in itself cannot amount to unfairness or hardship and there is no doctrine of equity to deprive a purchaser of a good bargain if it has been fairly made."

"It follows that the plaintiff is entitled to specific performance of the agreement and to the costs of the action."

These remarks were made by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday when he delivered judgment in favour of Liu Lan-fong, alias Liu Ah-lan, against Hangnam Kwong-tong Woo in an action for specific performance of an agreement in writing.

Liu Lan-fong alias Liu Ah-lan, the plaintiff in the action, was represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C. and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Messrs. Hastings and Company.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida e Castro, K.C. and Mr. D. A. Berridge represented the defendant, Hangnam Kwong-tong Woo.

Delivering judgment, Sir Leslie Gibson said in part:

"In this action the plaintiff, as administratrix of the estate of her husband Koo Shiu-ting alias Kwan-sing, claims specific performance of an agreement dated August 18, 1943 and made between her husband and the defendant for the sale by the defendant of a house, No. 48 Kennedy Road.

"The agreement was executed on behalf of the defendant by his attorney, Chiu Un-chau, the defendant himself being at the time in Free China, whither he had gone by reason of circumstances created by the Japanese invasion of Hong Kong.

"The agreement specifies the purchase price as 68,000 Japanese Military Yen and provides for the payment on the date of the agreement of 50,000 yen on account of the purchase price. This payment was duly made and is acknowledged by endorsement on the agreement. The purchase was to be completed within a month, but time was not of essence of the agreement.

"The defendant undertook to give a title free from encumbrance because pre-occupation mortgages were outstanding to the tune of HK\$103,000.

"The balance of the purchase price was in due course paid in Military Yen, the amounts outstanding in respect of mortgages were paid in Military Yen and the first of the mortgages executed a reassignment in English form and assignments of the property in favour of the purchaser were executed in English, Chinese and Japanese forms.

"For some reason the transaction was not carried to completion—by registration, either with the Japanese authorities or under the British law in Hong Kong, and the difficulty now is that by reason of Sections 2 and 11 of the Debtor and Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance 1948, the mortgage debts on the property have not been discharged.

"The first broad basis on which the plaintiff's claim is challenged is that the real agreement between the parties was that the purchase price should be HK\$272,000—the figure 68,000 Yen being inserted to comply with Japanese law.

"An order dated May 10, 1943, and effective from June 1, 1943, made Military Yen the only permissible currency and forbade the use of Hong Kong dollars under heavy penalties—the maximum being 15 years or a fine of 50,000 yen. The official rate of conversion was four Hong Kong dollars to one Yen—so that the 272,000 dollars was in fact the equivalent of 68,000 Yen at the official rate.

"I allowed the evidence of an alleged secret agreement or representation that the purchase price would be paid in dollars to be given solely on the basis that the plaintiff might disclose some ground on which the defendant might be able to resist the equitable remedy of specific performance.

"Having carefully considered the evidence, however, I am of the clear opinion that the written agreement was the only agreement between the parties and that, even if any question of payment in dollars had arisen prior to the signing of the agreement, it has been abandoned when the agreement was signed.

"There was no evidence whatever to support the allegation that the purchaser was influential with the Japanese and I am surprised that this allegation (like the allegation of fraud) was not withdrawn.

"This being so, why should the purchaser pay any more than the vendor, be willing to do the Japanese law at the risk of long imprisonment or heavy fine? And if the parties were prepared to run the risk, why did they not show the purchase price in dollars in the agreement itself, as was not claimed that the agreement itself, as opposed to the Japanese assignment, would have to be shown to the Japanese?

"The assignment in English form was for use after the Japanese occupation and the purchaser would have an interest to have the purchase price expressed in dollars, but, since this document was excellent was not for Japanese eyes, why was the vendor prepared to acknowledge payment in full?

"Why was the payment of the purchase price accepted in yen—50,000 yen being paid the very day the agreement was signed?

"Dures and undue influence are alleged but even Chan Un-chau's own evidence (and, as I have indicated, I am not prepared to accept him as completely truthful) is not evidence of dures or undue influence.

"Then again, if the purchaser had been guilty of the dishonest tactics alleged, why is it that the defendant, himself a very experienced solicitor, was willing to pass unchallenged a statement by Koo Wan-sing's letter of October 1943, that the price was 68,000 yen in military notes equivalent to \$272,000 in Hong Kong currency and why is it that neither defendant nor his attorney (a solicitor's clerk) ever put in writing the allegation that the purchase price should have been paid in dollars until May, 1948?

"The suggestion is that the matter was being discussed verbally and had been referred to counsel. Perhaps it is so, but that is not enough to explain the absence of some formal written protest.

Payment in Yen

"I have no doubt that the reason why the agreement provided for payment in yen and payment was in fact made in yen (as were the purported repayments of the mortgages) was simply that the parties contracted on the basis of the Japanese law.

"There is certainly no evidence that the agreed price was so grossly inadequate as to be evidence of fraud. All that has happened is that it will now be much more expensive for the vendor to carry out the agreement than he had expected, but, as I have pointed out, the vendor would have to meet this extra expense whether the agreement is specifically performed or not.

"It is merely losing the chance of setting off against this extra expense the profits he could, but for the agreement, have made by selling in the more favourable market of today. If it had so happened that the value of the property had dropped below the price paid, the vendor would certainly suffer no hardship if he was now asked to complete.

"In fact the price of the property has soared, and this being so, the vendor has made a bad bargain. A bad bargain in itself cannot amount to unfairness or hardship and there is no doctrine of equity to deprive a purchaser of a good bargain if it has been fairly made.

"It follows that the plaintiff is entitled to specific performance of the agreement and to the costs of the action."

To Clear Big Squatter Area

Police, Public Works and Health Department officers were given power yesterday to clear the biggest area yet of squatters.

The area defined in the Gazette yesterday stretches from Arsenal Street to Eastern Street and from the waterfront across to Bowen Road.

It is bounded on the North by the waterfront, on the East by a line along Arsenal Street across the junction of Hennessy Road and Queen's Road, East, to Monmouth Path; along Monmouth Path to Kennedy Road, thence West to Borrett Road, up Borrett Road to Bowen Road, and then due South to the 700-foot contour line.

On the South, the area is bounded by a line following the 700-foot contour line; on the West by a line along Eastern Street and projected due South to the 700-foot contour line.

Peace Envoy Returns To Hong Kong

Professor Wu Yu-hao, leader of the three-man unofficial Chinese peace mission, returned to Hong Kong by air yesterday in a private capacity.

There were no police cars to meet him or police escort to accompany him to his hotel. Professor Wu could not be located yesterday.

His two associates followed by air on Thursday morning. While in Hong Kong they failed to meet either Communist Party representatives or Democratic League leaders. In addition, they were critically received by the vernacular Press.

Hearing Of Case Involving RASC Men

Hearing was resumed yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central of the case in which two RASC men, Cheng Chun Cheung and Hui Cheung, were charged with demanding \$500 with menaces from a woman Wong Choi Fung.

Giving evidence in the witness-box, Cheng said that he had known the woman since he was a child. Both are from the same village, Un Long.

He had not seen her for the last six or seven years. He went to see her in an unnumbered hut in Ship Street because she had hired a hooligan to assault one of his co-workers and his object of seeing her was to reason with her on this subject.

When he went there, he told her that when she was a prostitute in Un Long, he had told her not to practise that profession there, to the disgrace of her brother and his object of seeing her was to reason with her on this subject.

He denied ever asking her for money or trying to blackmail her for being a prostitute.

After cross-examination by Inspector Saul, the case was adjourned to May 28.

Painters Didn't Get Away With It

Two painters, employed to paint the rav. Tjiljengka, were convicted by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday for stealing six tins of paint from the Tai Koo Dockyard.

They were stopped by a policeman while walking along Tsing Fung Street and, failing to give satisfactory explanation of the tins of paint in their hands, were arrested.

A sentence of three months' imprisonment and expulsion was imposed on each of the defendants.

Acknowledgment

The Trustees of the Macao Protestant Church and Cemetery Fund gratefully acknowledge the following subscriptions to date:

Donations Previously Acknowledged \$12,790

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Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.	2,500
K. A. A. Seth	100
Total	HK\$12,000

A Revenue Officer shot and killed himself at the office of the Imports and Exports Department yesterday at 6 p.m. and died at the Queen Mary Hospital of his wound. No further details were available.

Hongkong Welcomes A Sparkling New Personality MIRIAM (The IRIUM Girl)

Soon to be on the tip of everyone's tongue!

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and, by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Hotel Rates

Sir,—At last the legislature has enacted an ordinance to regulate the hotel rates. Our oligarchy has not done many good deeds like this one.

Still we hear an opposition on the ground that the new legislation interferes with the sanctity of private property. In view of the fact that our vested interests would not stop their grumbling until they get London to listen to their fantastic stories, it is well to examine their logic.

Those who stayed in Hong Kong during the occupation remember pretty well that the Kempallat interfered with every station of life. If their friends and collaborators wanted your house, they could simply summon you and give you a little water-treatment and dogs' bites.

Very little evidence is left. But we who lived under such regime remember it. And our legislature has made a law to protect such transactions by putting the burden of proof on the Mikado's victims.

Did the Japanese conquerors not interfere with the sanctity of private property? Why no opposition now?

Modern Political Science and Public Law have moreover regarded private property resulted from unearned increment as undesirable. There have been income tax, inheritance tax and so forth for the regulation of private capital.

And the Bolsheviks call such private property as surplus value of labour expropriated by the landlords and other exploiters of the masses. The anarchists term it nothing but theft.

The sooner we understand this philosophy the better. If Government wishes the populace to be loyal, enact more laws like this hotel Bill.

Survivor of the Kempallat Tortures.

Official Notices, Appointments

The name of Mr. Luke Himsu has been added to the List of Authorised Architects.

Mr. Martin George O'Connor has been appointed to act as Director of Education during the absence of Mr. T. R. Rowell. The appointment became effective from February 14.

Mr. Thong Ko-sine has been appointed an Assessor in the Inland Revenue Department with effect from February 1.

Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Puisne Judge, resumed duty on February 14.

Mr. J. Wicks, Magistrate, ceased to act as a temporary additional judge with effect from February 22.

Mr. Edward McLaren has been appointed to be a Justice of the Peace for Hong Kong with effect from February 25.

Mr. Justice E.H. Williams has resumed the Chairmanship of the Committee to administer the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund.

The Reverend Fr. Albert Cooney has been appointed to be a member of the Court of the University of Hong Kong for a period of three years with effect from January 27.

Mr. Pedro Paulo Botelho has been empowered to act as Honorary Consul for Guatemala at Hong Kong.

Mr. Marcel Ranicki, Consul for Poland, has assumed charge of the Polish Consulate-General in London with jurisdiction in Hong Kong.

Mr. Frans von Ovon has been recognised, provisionally, as Vice-Consul for the Netherlands at Hong Kong.

The name of the Anglo-Chinese Proprietary Syndicate Limited has been struck off the Register of Companies.

The names of Drs. Elizabeth Kuanggu Tang, Cathleen Monaghan, Mary Josephine Clifford and James Tak-on Wong have been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners. They are entitled to practise medicine and surgery in Hong Kong.

Cows, Calves For Dairy Farm Arrive

Fifty cows and six new-born calves from Canada were unloaded for the Dairy Farm from the ss. Tahsis yesterday. The animals were loaded on to lighters and transported to the Pokfulam farm.

In addition there were three pedigree boars and three pedigree leghorn cockerels on board. Before the animals left the 4,204-ton vessel in the Harbour yesterday, a replica of the vessel's bell was presented to Mr. P. C. Jackson, farm superintendent of the Dairy Farm.

The bell was presented by Mr. Stonny Hicks, one of the ship's officers, whose birthday anniversary coincided with the date on which one of the calves was born on board the vessel. All six calves were born en route to Hong Kong.

The master of the vessel personally engraved "ss. Tahsis, 13,240" on the bell—the date on which the calf was born. The bell is to be worn by the calf concerned.

Government placed philatelic stamps on the list of Prohibited Exports yesterday.

An explanatory note said that the purpose of the inclusion of the stamps the list is to guard against the possibility of flight of capital by export of philatelic from the United Kingdom to Hong Kong with subsequent re-export to the United States or elsewhere.

Reminders

Today
HK Art Club monthly exhibition, Helena May Institute, 3 to 7 p.m.
Garrison Players present "Arsenic and Old Lace," Missions to Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Sino-British Club Concert, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
Kowloon Bowling Green Club social evening.
Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Classical Concert, Tse H Club, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club sketching class, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.
Talk on "Religion and World Government" by Mr. E. W. A. Anderson, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

MONDAY
Star Ferry Company, Limited, annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO building, 4.15 p.m.
HK Rotary Club luncheon, Talk on "A Film Show" by Mr. H. Odell, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
St. David's Day Dinner, by St. David's Society of HK, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS
Second Race Meeting,
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There are nine races, the first will be run at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last at 6.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72118).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tio Tao men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.
Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1949, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held in the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden on THURSDAY, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

All Members are particularly urged to attend.

By Order,
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NOTICE

Change of Address

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Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Second Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong) on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1949, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors, together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to re-elect a Director and appoint Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th March, 1949, to the 23rd March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 24, 1949.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Undersigned on Friday, the 18th March, 1949, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 4th March to the 18th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, Feb. 25, 1949.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

The Morning Service at St. John's Cathedral at 11 a.m. on Sunday, 27th February is specially commemorative of the Welsh Patron Saint's Day (March 1st), and those with Welsh associations are cordially invited (in co-operation with the Dean) to meet the members of the Society there.

On the morning of the 1st March at 8.30 a.m. a Wreath will be laid on the Cenotaph in memory of the Welsh fallen, and those who can attend are invited to be present.

It is regretted that the supply of tickets for the St. David's Day Dinner is exhausted.

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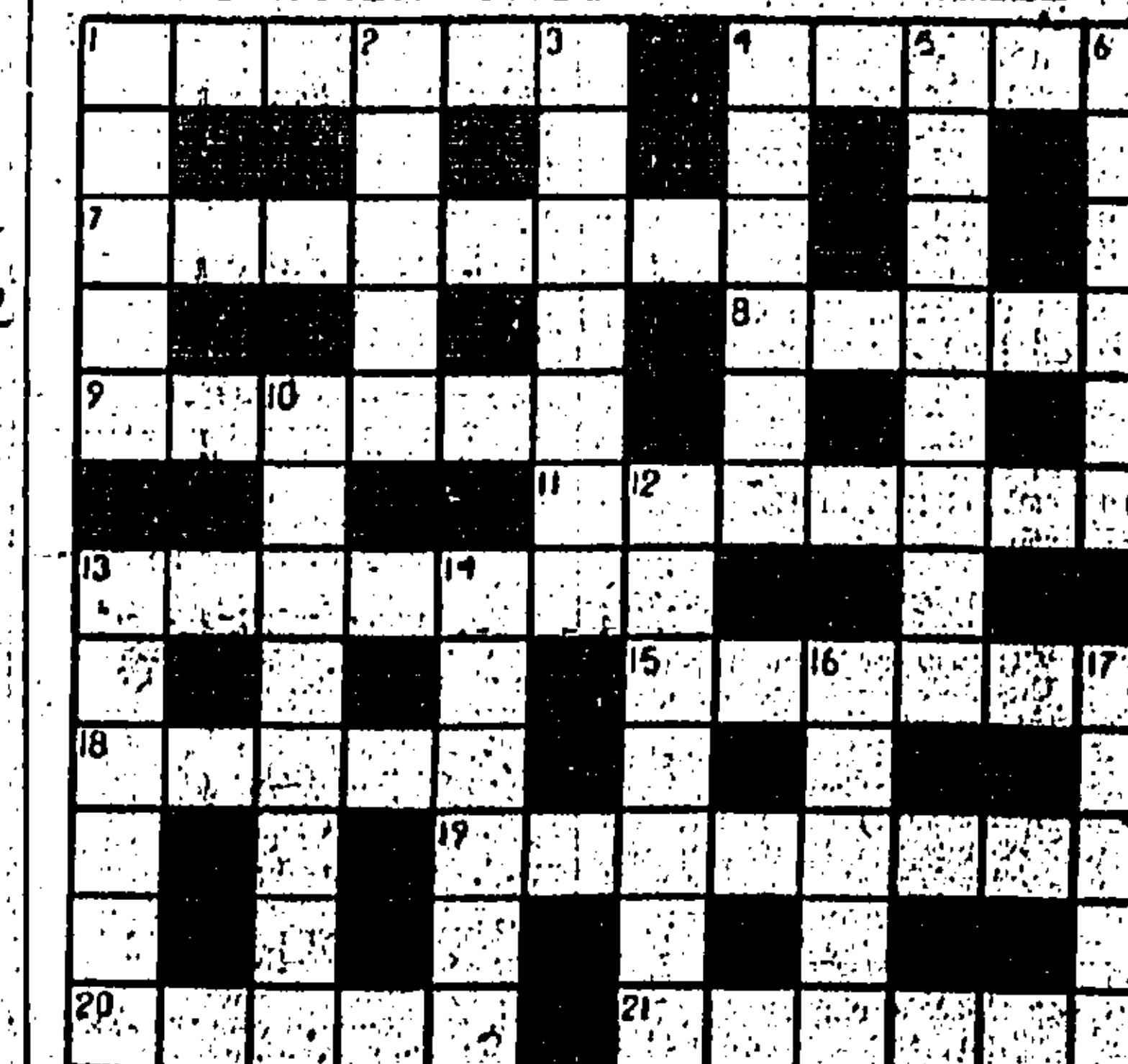
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D A 6 3
C 8 6 2
S 10 6
H Q J 10
D Q 9 5 5
C J 10 7
S J 9
H 7 6 5
D K J 4 0
C Q 9 5 3
S K Q 7 5 3
H A K 5 3
D 7 2
C A K
North-South
1. Pass 1 S Pass 2 S
Pass 4 NT Pass 5 H
Pass 5 NT Pass 6 C
Pass 6 S
2. Pass 1 S Pass 2 S
Pass 5 S Pass 2 S
Pass 3 C Pass 3 S
Pass 4 S
The first two sequences show what actually happened in a team of four. In the Table 1 bidding, South decided to feel about for slam as soon as he heard his partner lifted spades, though of course that raise to two might have indicated just barely enough for the call. The Blackwood convention elicited the information that North had two aces and no kings, whereupon South found himself in a small slam. If North had delivered anything of value except

his two aces—in either side suit length or a ruffable short suit, South would have been all right. There were not 12 tricks in sight, however, so he was set, even though the heart suit established an unnecessary thirteen. So he lost a trick in each suit after the lead of the heart Q.

At Table 2, South decided to show the full trick-taking strength of his hand regardless of controls, with his natural jump to 5-Spades. North, having a minimum, quit. But suppose North had been above minimum, without controls—something like six spades to the A, with a losing diamond doubleton. He then would have raised to slam if he had perhaps the queen-jacks of hearts and clubs, and the contract would have been unmakeable because of lack of control. The third form of bidding given was suggested by a kibitzer. If South after hearing the 2-Spades had shown his club control, North would have been justified in refusing to show his controls because his hand was dead—minimum generally. A shift from 3-Clubs to 3-Spades would have been a sign-off, so South could soundly have stopped at 4-Spades.

Tomorrow's Problem
S A 8 5
H A K 8
D 4
C J 9 8 7 5 4
S Q 9 6
H J 10 3
D K 10 8
C K 6 3
S K
H 7 6 5 2
D A Q 7 6 5
C A 2
(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)
What is the soundest bidding of this deal?

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Condition. 13 Eat. 14 Spoke. 15 Uniform.
4 Happen again. 15 Drink. 16 Stopped.
7 Stubborn. 16 Vessel. 17 Beam.
8 Right mistake. 17 Distribute. 18 Muscular.
9 Free of charge. 18 Confidence. 19 N.C.O.
10 Elude. 19 Cure. 20 Unit of heat.
11 Well-regarded. 20 Elude. 21 Haphazard.
Down
1 Spike. 2 Haggard. 3 Beam. 4 Starred.
5 N.C.O. 6 Rabbid. 7 Adonis. 8 Star. 9 Cover. 10 Garb. 11 Hat. 12 Ugly. 13 Belt. 14 France. 15 Ruler. 16 Germ. 17 Disturb. 18 Night. 19 Avowing. 20 Alone. 21 Arise. 22 Regal. 23 Battery. 24 Auditor. 25 Field.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—1 Chic. 4 Ransack. 8 Head. 9 Come. 10 Borrow. 11 Rule. 12 Germ. 14 Disturb. 17 Night. 21 Avowing. 22 Alone. 24 Arise. 25 Field.

REPARATIONS PLAN FOR PERSONAL WAR LOSSES IN FAR EAST AIRED

Not To Call MacArthur

Washington, February 23. The Armed Services Committee of the United States Senate decided on Thursday not to call General Douglas MacArthur from Japan to testify on conditions in the Far East.—Associated Press.

Indians Picket New York Cinema

New York, February 24. Indian students in New York picketed the small Rialto Cinema Theatre in the heart of Times Square today in protest against the showing of the film "India Speaks" which they described as "un-American and a hindrance to Indo-American friendship."

Mrs. Shaktantala Jagannathan and Miss Marlam Matthew, both from Madras, distributed protest pamphlets outside the cinema, standing in front of gaudy hoardings showing virtually nude white women being "sacrificed to Buddha."

This is the last day of the film's run of two weeks. A spokesman for the students explained that the protest demonstration had been delayed because they had been seeking through the proper channels to have the film withdrawn from circulation.

The distributors of "India Speaks," Film Classics of the Americas, claimed today that the film was a "straight travelogue with no fiction." They said that it had been filmed in India "10 or 15 years ago" by an American picture company and had recently been reissued.

It would be shown in "second-run" theatres elsewhere in the country, the distributors stated. Mr. Saggi told Reuters that the students objected to the film's "self and the advertising outside the Rialto. There was obscenity in both. The advertising contains such 'blatant' as these: 'India—Mother of 10,000 Sins'; 'India Speaks of Mountains alive with Monks and Polyandrous Women'; 'See where White Women are treated like Cattle—and Cattle worshipped like Gods'; 'See where White Girls are sacrificed to Buddha.'—Reuters.

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No Legislation Against Reds

London, February 24. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons today that he should introduce anti-Communist legislation on the lines of that in India and France.

He did not think such an amendment "either necessary or desirable." Sir Waldron Smithers, Conservative, who had urged the Prime Minister to do this, wondered if Mr. Attlee "really means business in his anti-Communist campaign."

Amid loud laughter from all parts of the House, he added: "I am forced to the conclusion that he is a fellow traveller." Mr. Attlee replied: "I don't know whether Sir Waldron has studied the somewhat drastic measures that are being taken by provincial governments in India and whether he and his party generally support the power to detain without trial on suspicion of subversive activities and a number of other things which are generally regarded as rather dangerous here." Government cheers greeted this remark.—Reuters.

U.S. Plans Medical Aid For China

New York, February 25. Plans for sending three medical training missions to China will be made at a conference tonight called by the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China.

The Bureau, a non-profit service organization, has earmarked a substantial part of its 1949 budget to finance the missions. They will go to China this summer. If conditions there permit, a spokesman said.

The missions would be manned by American specialists with Chinese medical college teachers as "students."

Dr. Magnus J. Gregersen, Bureau President, said radiology would be one of the courses taught. He said hundreds of X-ray machines given China by UNRRA are lying idle there for want of technicians and repair men.

Among those summoned to the conference are: Dr. Herbert L. Edwards, Executive Director of the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Dr. P. Z. King, Chief Medical Advisor of the UN International Children's Emergency Fund.

Dr. Ernest L. Stebbins, head of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

Dr. Henry Alexander Murray, Director of Harvard Psychological Clinic.—Associated Press.

Air Crash In Peru

Cuzco, Peru, February 24.

Twenty-two persons were killed and two injured seriously when a Peruvian Air Force C-47 plane crashed on its take-off.

Twenty passengers, the pilot and the radio operator were killed. The co-pilot and mechanic escaped virtually unscathed.

The plane was being used to carry commercial passengers between Cuzco and Lima. The accident occurred when a tire blew off during the take-off, causing the plane to swerve.

A motor caught fire and the flames spread rapidly to the main gas tank, which exploded, enveloping the plane in flames.—United Press.

Fierce Battle In Progress Near Rangoon

Rangoon, February 24. Burmese Government troops and Karen insurgents were battling fiercely today at Insein, 10 miles North of Rangoon, for possession of Seminary Hill, an insurgent stronghold inside the town, pro-Government reports said today.

U.S. Forces To Remain In Korea

Lake Success, February 24. The United States forces are remaining in Southern Korea at the request of the Korean Government and will be withdrawn as soon as it is practicable, an American representative told the United Nations.

My James Hyde told the Membership Committee of the Security Council that the South Korean government has asked the United States to keep its troops there until Korea's own security forces can be trained.

Supporting the application of South Korea for UN membership, Mr. Hyde said, "At the request of the Republic of Korea there are American forces there. In keeping with the spirit of the UN resolution on Korea, the United States has during recent months effected a substantial reduction in its occupation forces and the Republic of Korea has requested that the withdrawal of the remaining forces be deferred. The request was made to provide a temporary safeguard to the Korean Republic pending the

The Karens, who entered Insein more than three weeks ago, were offering stubborn resistance to repeated Government onslaughts to recapture the hill.

An official statement said Government troops killed 60 Communists in clashes near Hasein, the Irrawaddy Delta town, 75 miles North-West of Rangoon.

Airstrip Retaken
It was officially announced today that Government forces have retaken Anisakan airstrip, seven miles South of Maymyo, and recovered two Burma Air Force planes which had fallen into the hands of the Karen tribesmen when they occupied the airstrip on Monday.

Fighting was still going on, the announcement added.

Father Marchal, a French Catholic priest, was murdered at Gyobinkyauk, 110 miles North of Rangoon, the French Legation here stated today. According to a press report, two Karen priests were also killed in the area.—Reuters.

training of its own security forces."

Mr. Hyde said the U.S. would consult with the UN Korean Commission and Korean officials concerning the removal of the American forces still in the country.—United Press.

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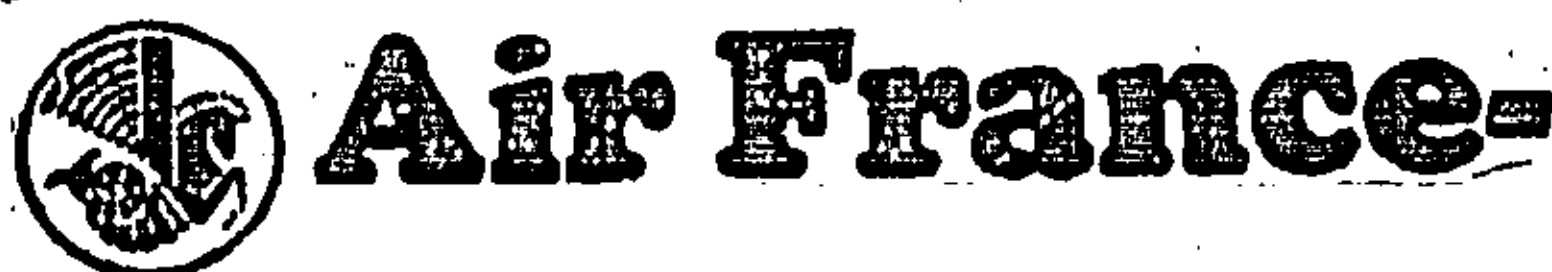
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MIHALEFF—Suddenly at his residence on February 25, 1940, Michael Mihaleff aged 42 years. Funeral at the Colonial Cemetery on Saturday Feb. 26, 1940, at 3 p.m.

CURRENCY REFORM

Attempts to bolster the Nationalist economy in China become more and more like the patching of a fabric which is already so rotten that even the stitches will not hold.

Latest phase of the sorry story is yesterday's announcement authorising a free market in gold and silver, budgetary reforms and a revised tax system. It is extremely unlikely that the budget can be materially reduced while the war lasts, and the tax levies and collections are such as only China can know. Just what amount of breathing space is expected from the free movement of gold and silver would be difficult to estimate. What are the precious metals to be exchanged for? Not hard currency—at least legally—and their being pitted against the crumbling gold yuan can only mean increased inflation. As a barter method, the new move may have a brief temporary value, but very brief.

When the gold yuan was introduced, it was said to be backed by 60 per cent in foreign exchange and 40 per cent in government assets, but within a month or two it met the same fate as the former CNS, partly because of military reverses and partly because the backing was much more imaginary than real. The issue of the customs yuan is another attempt to slow down the inevitable process of inflation, but it is doubtful whether it will have any more solid basis than the gold yuan. Public confidence, understandably, has been utterly shaken in any economic measures the government can bring. Some realistic Western financial experts have said privately that from a purely utilitarian point of view, enforcedly ignoring the mass of wage earners who always suffer during inflation, there is little reason why the Chinese currency should not be allowed to go to astronomical figures. That is, providing the price of basic commodities does not increase materially in relation, say, to the U.S. dollar.

This, of course, is unorthodox and can obviously be called brutal—but in view of inescapable facts, it would be interesting to know just what alternative there is to offer.

To Each His Own

Leading Communists who are sure of their position are, like Hitler in his early days, blatantly frank about their desire for world domination. In countries where the Party is weak, the accusation thrown at the faithful that they are Communists first and Englishmen (or Americans or Norwegians) second, has always been indignantly repudiated. While still at the bottom of the power ladder, they are always ultra-patriotic to the country of their origin or domicile.

But let them gain away of a third of a nation, as Maurice Thorez has in

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THEIR FINEST HOUR

Our Plight Took Second Place

By Winston Churchill

IN these days the War Cabinet were in a state of unusual emotion. The fall and the fate of France dominated their minds. Our own plight, and what we should have to face and face alone, seemed to take a second place. Grief for our Ally in her agony, and desire to do anything in human power to aid here, was the prevailing mood. There was also the overpowering importance of making sure of the French Fleet. It was in this spirit that a proposal for "an indissoluble union" between France and Britain was conceived.

I was not the prime mover. I first heard of a definite plan at a luncheon at the Carlton Club on June 16, at which were present Lord Halifax, M. Corbin (the French Ambassador), Sir Robert Vansittart, and one or two others. It was evident that there had been considerable discussion beforehand. On the 14th Vansittart and Desmond Morton (Mr. Churchill's personal assistant) had met M. Monnet and M. Plevin and been joined by General de Gaulle, who had flown over to make arrangements for shipping to carry the French troops as soon as possible to Africa. These gentlemen had evolved the outline of a declaration for a Franco-British Union with

16 June, 1940, 12.35 p.m.
Our agreement for separate negotiations, whether for armistice or peace, was made with the French Republic, and not with any particular French administrator or statesman. It therefore involves the honour of France. Nevertheless, PROVIDED, BUT ONLY PROVIDED, THAT THE FRENCH FLEET IS SAILED FORTH WITH FOR BRITISH HARBOURS PENDING NEGOTIATIONS. His Majesty's Government give their full consent to an inquiry by the French Government to ascertain the terms of an armistice for France. His Majesty's Government, being resolved to continue the war, wholly exclude themselves from all part in the above-mentioned inquiry concerning an armistice. Early in the afternoon a second message in similar terms was sent by the Foreign Office to Sir Ronald Campbell (June 16, 3.10 p.m.). Both messages were stiff, and embodied the main purpose of the War Cabinet at their morning meeting.

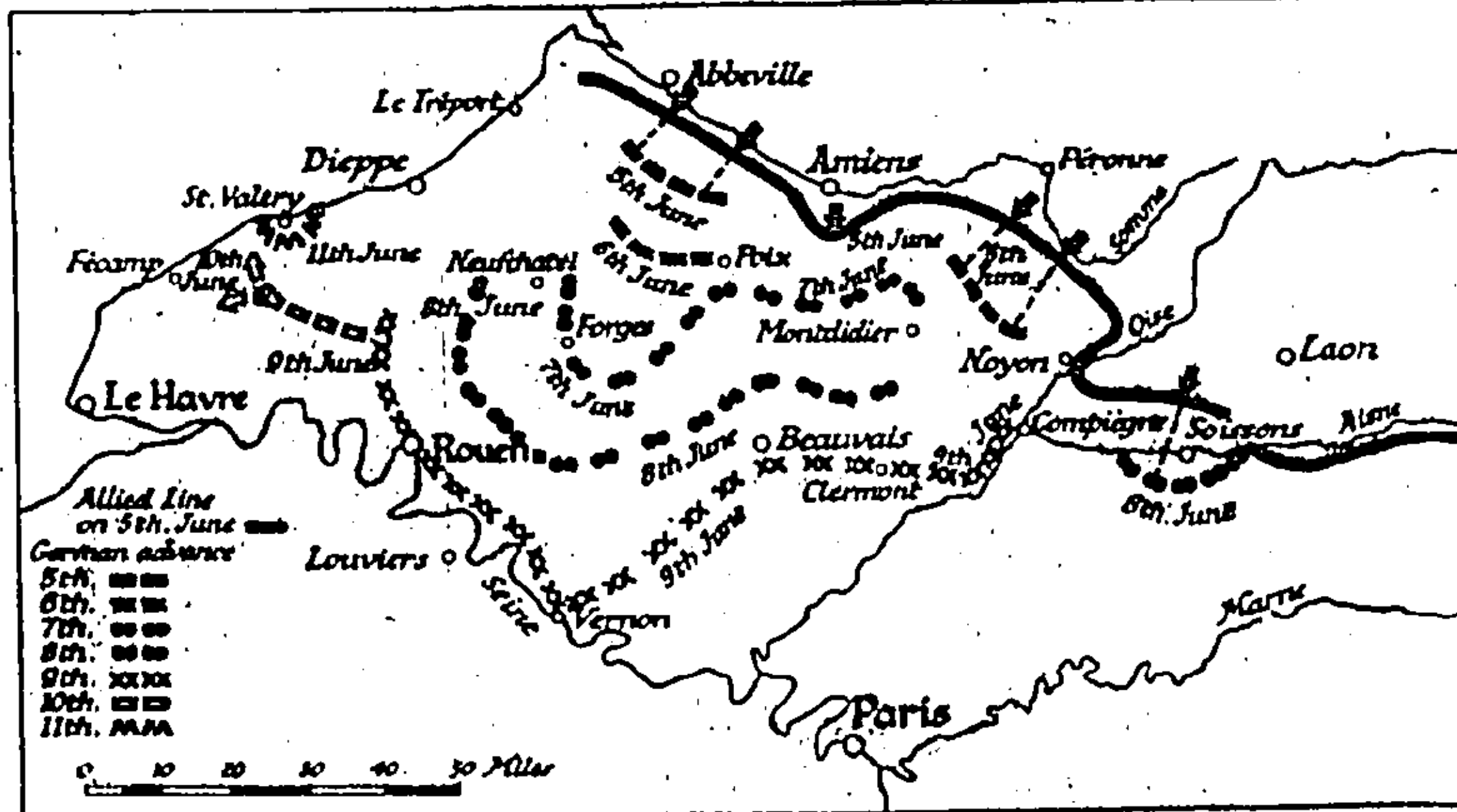
Separate Peace

Foreign Office to Sir R. Campbell. You should inform M. Reynaud as follows: We expect to be consulted as soon as any armistice terms are received. This is necessary not merely in virtue of Treaty for-

Both General de Gaulle and M. Corbin had been concerned at the sharpness of the decision reached by the War Cabinet that morning, and embodied in the telegram already dispatched. I had heard that a new declaration had been drafted for consideration, and that General de Gaulle had telephoned to M. Reynaud. As a result it had seemed advisable to suspend action for the moment. A telegram had therefore been sent to Sir Ronald Campbell instructing him to suspend delivery accordingly.

The Foreign Secretary then said that after our morning meeting he had seen Sir Robert Vansittart, whom he had previously acknowledged some dramatic announcement which might strengthen M. Reynaud's hand. Vansittart had been in consultation with General de Gaulle, M. Monnet, M. Plevin, and Major Morlon. Between them they had drafted a proclamation. General de Gaulle had impressed upon them the need for publishing the document as quickly as possible, and wished to take the draft back with him to France that night. De Gaulle had also suggested that I should go to meet M. Reynaud next day.

The draft statement was passed round, and everyone read it with deep attention. All the difficulties were immediately apparent, but in the end a Declaration of Union seemed to command general assent.



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the object, apart from its general merits, of giving M. Reynaud some new sort of a vivid and stimulating nature with which to carry a majority of his Cabinet into the move to Africa, and the continuance of the war.

My first reaction was unfavourable. I asked a number of questions of a critical character, and was by means convinced. However, at the end of our long Cabinet that afternoon, the subject was raised. I was somewhat surprised to see the staid, stolid, experienced politicians of all Parties engage themselves so passionately in an immense design whose implications and consequences were not in any way thought out. I did not resist, but yielded easily to these generous surges, which carried our resolves to a very high level of unselfish and undaunted action.

Formal Manner

When the War Cabinet met the next morning, we first addressed ourselves to the answer to be given to M. Reynaud's request sent the night before for the formal release of France from her obligations under the Anglo-French Agreement. The Cabinet authorised the following reply which at their request I went into the next room and drafted myself. It was dispatched from London at 12.35 p.m. on the 16th. It endorsed and repeated in a formal manner the telephone instructions sent to Campbell (the British Ambassador) early in the morning: Foreign Office to Sir R. Campbell. Please give M. Reynaud the following message which has been approved by the Cabinet: Mr. Churchill to M. Reynaud.

France, and just watch the change. The Red leader boasted in Paris that if the Soviet Army came to his country, the workers would not fight against it, but would welcome its hordes as liberators. They would also, he added, do everything to render war against the Soviet Union not just difficult, but impossible. A clear pledge of sabotage.

It is difficult for an ordinarily-balanced person to understand this viewpoint, but it is as well for most of us—perhaps particularly in Hong Kong—to realise that it is held by the majority of confirmed Communists. To them it is "my country right or wrong"—and that country is Russia.

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Can you recognise where this picture was taken? The answer is in Page Seven.



France and Great Britain shall no longer be two nations, but one Franco-British Union. The constitution of the Union will provide for joint organs of defence, foreign, financial and economic policy. Every citizen of France will enjoy immediately citizenship of Great Britain; every British subject will become a citizen of France. Both countries will share responsibility for the repair of the devastation of war, wherever it occurs, in their territories, and the resources of both shall be equally, and as one, applied to that purpose.

New Armies

During the war there shall be a single War Cabinet, and France, forces of Britain and France, whether on land, sea or in the air, will be placed under its direction. It will govern from wherever it best can. The two Parliaments will be formally associated.

The Nations of the British Empire are already forming new armies. France will keep her available forces in the field, on the sea, and in the air. The Union appeals to the United States to fortify the economic resources of the Allies and to bring her powerful material aid to the common cause.

The Union will concentrate its whole energy against the power of the enemy, no matter where the battle may be. And thus we shall conquer.

Of all this Parliament was informed in due course. But the issue by then had ceased to count. I did not, as has been seen, draft the statement myself. It was composed around the table, and I made my contribution to it. I then took it into the next room where de Gaulle was waiting with Vansittart, Desmond Morton and Spurr. The General read it with an air of unwonted enthusiasm, and as soon as contact with Bordeaux could be obtained, began to telephone it to M. Reynaud.

We must now pass to the other end of the wire. The British Ambassador delivered the two messages in answer to the French request to be released from their obligation of March 28. According to his account, M. Reynaud, who was in a dejected mood, did not take them well. He at once remarked that the withdrawal of the French Mediterranean Fleet to the British ports would involve the immediate seizure of Tunis by Italy, and also create difficulties for the British Fleet.

Full Force

He had got no further than this when my message, telephoned by General de Gaulle, came through. "It acted," said the Ambassador, "like a tonic." I said that that for a document I, that he would fight to the last. In came at that moment M. Mandel and M. Marin. They obviously were equally relieved. M. Reynaud then left "with a light step" to read the document to the President of the Republic. He believed that armed with this promise guarantee, he would be able to carry his Council with him on the policy of retiring to Africa and waging war.

My telegram instructing the Ambassador to delay the presentation of the two stiff messages or anyhow to suspend action upon them arrived immediately after the Premier had gone. A messenger was therefore sent after him to say that the two earlier messages should be considered as "cancelled." "Suspended" would have been a better word. The War Cabinet had not altered its position in any respect. We felt, however,



Good Morning!

Judgment was given yesterday in the Woo case. Necking teenagers have been disappointed.

"Plan of Autrofin Acquit Itself." Ignorance may be no excuse, but I'd have refused it myself.

"Private car on the road in U.K.," reports a contemporary. And here was I thinking they were all for export.

We must be getting good. Renewing her subscription yesterday, a lady commented, "I personally enjoy your paper as much as my husband."

Who said the... after strike?

The opium laden breeze Still blow from Hong Kong's side.

Where everybody squeezes And little seems worth while... The King's return will be a major issue in the Belgian elections. Will there be a decision for Leo pulled?

Ships are being exported from Japan in great numbers. For the moment, empty of warriors. So the old fox still has his Fenghuang in the political pie.

"Operation Fox Pax" by American intelligence in Japan will now be referred to as the "Smeardley Case."

"Waiter," said a diner who had just sampled his dinner, "these veal chops don't seem very tender to me!"

"Sir," replied the waiter, "I can assure you that less than a month ago those chops were chafing after a cow."

"Maybe," grunted the customer, "but not for milk."



Then he calls me a big ape, and says in future I must have a permit to pick groundnuts.

that it would be better to give the "Declaration of Union" its full chance under the most favourable conditions.

If the French Council of Ministers were rallied by it, the greener would carry the less, and the removal of the Fleet from German power would follow automatically. If our offer did not find favour, our rights and claims would be "live" in their full force. We could not tell what was going on inside the French Government, nor know that this was the last time we should ever be able to deal with M. Reynaud.

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MARSHALL PLAN FOR JAPAN

Foreign Policy Group Suggests Programme For Economic Recovery

Washington, February 24.

The United States Foreign Policy Association tonight recommended a Marshall Plan for Japan and the Far East.

Big Need For Cotton In Japan

Washington, February 25. The U.S. Agriculture Department yesterday estimated Japan's 1946 cotton requirements at about 800,000 bales, compared with 700,000 bales in 1944.

The Department said it is "not likely (Japanese) textile operations can approach pre-war levels within the foreseeable future."

American exporters hope to supply approximately 650,000 bales of Japan's estimated requirements next year, the Department said.

The report said principal financing will be through the Japanese "gold pot" or export-import revolving fund of US\$500,000,000 about half of which is available, and a US\$150,000,000 fund Congress established last year for financing textiles for occupied areas.

General Douglas MacArthur line authorized the Japanese textile industry to operate 4,000,000 spindles, said the Agriculture Department survey, written by Dr. Ide Trotter, Agricultural Economist who toured Japan on behalf of the Department.

"The Japanese believe they will accomplish this by the middle of 1949," Dr. Trotter wrote, "but under existing conditions it appears likely the goal will be reached in 1951."

Cloth Export

When Japan is operating 4,000,000 spindles, Dr. Trotter estimated the country will have 1,220,000,000 yards of cloth for export. "This would be slightly less than half the yardage Japan exported at the height of that country's pre-war drive for domination of the world's textile markets."

By 1952, Dr. Trotter reported, Japan is scheduled to have 5,000,000 spindles working, producing 990,000,000 pounds of cloth.

The reviving Japanese cotton textile industry admittedly is causing American and British spinners some anxiety about the future of their own world markets. Anglo-American interests at present are considering sending a mission to Japan to discuss the future world markets with Japanese industrialists.

American spinners declare they are not seeking to restrict Japanese operations "but wish to get acquainted with Japanese problems," Associated Press.

TEXTILE WORKERS FOR BRITISH MILLS

Manchester, February 24. The British Cotton Spinners' Trade Union decided today to allow Belgian and Italian textile workers to come to work in Lancashire mills.

The maximum number in each mill would be limited to 10 per cent of the total labour force, Reuter.

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Marshall Plan To End Sooner

Washington, February 24. President Truman told his weekly press conference today that it might be possible to complete the Marshall Plan in less than the four-year period, originally planned.

He rejected suggestion that Marshall Aid to Britain should "cease following reports that a British Foreign Office spokesman had stated that Britain had virtually achieved complete economic recovery." Mr. Truman said he was happy to hear such a statement but the Marshall Plan should be continued until economic recovery was assured.

Mr. Truman said he was anxious for Congress to pass the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act as soon as possible and hoped to have it for signature by March 5. (This is the act which extends and expands the President's powers to negotiate with foreign countries for the reduction of tariffs and other trade barriers.)—Reuter.

UNION MEET OPENS TODAY IN BRUSSEL

Brussels, February 24. Mr. Winston Churchill and Belgium's Prime Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, will lead 130 delegates from 18 countries at the first International Congress of the Council of the European Union Movement which opens here tomorrow. Mr. Churchill arrived tonight.

The main item of the four days' agenda will be the study of a draft convention for a United States of Europe.

The Communists are to hold counter-demonstrations on Sunday, it was learned, when Mr. Churchill and M. Spaak, the two Presidents of the Congress, are to address a mass meeting.

Mr. Averell Harriman, the Marshall Plan "roving Ambassador," will assist at the Congress in a private capacity and three United States representatives will attend as observers.—Reuter.

U.N. BODY STUDYING FREEDOM OF PRESS

Lake Success, February 24.

The United Nations today decided, against Soviet opposition, to set up a new body of 12 independent experts to study freedom of the press throughout the world.

The Economic and Social Council decided to form a "Sub-Commission on Freedom of Information and the Press," whose members will be selected by the Human Rights Commission.

They will serve "as experts in their personal capacities and not as official representatives" and their term of office will expire on December 31, 1952.

The new body will consider "issues and problems involved in the discrimination of information by newspapers and news periodicals, radio broadcasts and news reels."

It will report to the Economic and Social Council on: 1. Any barriers to the free flow of information. 2. How much freedom of information is given to the peoples of the world. 3. The development of high standards of professional conduct among the press and radio personnel. 4. The persistent dissemination of information, which is "false, distorted, or otherwise misleading."

SHIP-BUILDING IN JAPAN

Tokyo, February 23. Contracts totalling US\$8,000,000 for the construction of ships in Japan for Norway and Denmark have been signed by the Supreme Command's headquarters announced today.

The orders included one tanker of 18,000 deadweight tons for Norway and one tanker and three cargo vessels for Denmark. The last of the five vessels will be delivered in August, 1950.—Reuter.

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Japanese Problem Of Unemployment Becoming Acute

Tokyo, February 24.

Japan is faced with its potentially worst post-war unemployment crisis as a result of the American ordered drive for economic recovery.

Fifteen per cent of the proposed record-breaking 600,000,000 yen (\$2,000,000,000) Japanese budget has been earmarked for unemployment relief. This public work programme is expected to soften the impact of government and business reorganisation which, government sources predict, will raise the number of unemployed Japanese to 2,500,000.

Under a virtual occupation ultimatum to get its economic house in order, Premier Shigeru Yoshida's Conservative government is dedicated to:

1. Balance the budget by enforcing taxation and slashing Government personnel by 30 per cent.
2. Streamline Japanese industry by encouraging the elimination of non-productive workers.
3. Boost foreign trade by tightening credit on non-export manufacture.

Both Washington and General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters desire to see Japan economically self-sufficient for two reasons—to relieve the American taxpayers of the cost of Japanese relief and to build up Japan against Communism.

Communist Threat

But Americans and Japanese believe that unless work is found for those displaced by long overdue "streamlining" in private and public employment, they and their families will swell the ranks of the Japanese Communist Party. Any strict definition of what constitutes "unemployment" in Japan is difficult in view of the large number of non-salaried family workers, particularly in agriculture.

Nevertheless occupation figures estimated Japan's present day labour force at 12,000,000 exclusive of agriculture. They estimated that 1,500,000 or 12 per cent will be thrown out of work, which with the normal seasonal unemployment is expected to rise to 2,500,000. The previous largest number of unemployed in Japan was in April, 1946 when 1,600,000 were out of work.

The question is whether the 90,000,000 yen (\$300,000,000) tentatively proposed for public works and favoured by the occupation will suffice to relieve the anticipated unemployment. Observers believe if it were straight dole, it might. But as public works a larger appropriation would be necessary. That would throw the budget out of precarious balance and a balanced budget is one of the occupation's "musts."—United Press.

N. AMERICA BILL DUE FOR DEBATE

Paris, February 24. The British North America Bill, by which Britain will confirm and give effect to the terms of Union agreed between Canada and Newfoundland, will be debated in the House of Commons next Wednesday.

The Government will ask for a second reading, signifying agreement in principle.—Reuter.

Authoress Refutes Charges

New York, February 25.

Anna Louise Strong, American writer expelled from Russia on espionage charges, yesterday denied any spying and blamed the charges on "war hysteria which the American press has done so much to stir up."

The 64-year-old newspaper woman arrived yesterday by plane from Europe and was met by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who handed her a subpoena to appear here today before the Federal Grand Jury. The Grand Jury has been looking into Communism and espionage matters.

"I have not done anything against the security of the Soviet state or any other state, either by espionage or sabotage," she declared. "I was very energetically searching for information which I considered part of my journalistic task, and if the Soviet government chose to consider this espionage, there is nothing I can do about it."

No Explanation

Miss Strong would not elaborate. Miss Adele E. Kaczowski, airline hostess on the plane which brought the writer from Paris, said Miss Strong told her: "I had a little trouble with the Russian government. I wanted to go to China through Siberia. The Russians did not want that road open, and I did not know it."

Miss Strong, a native of Nebraska and daughter of a Congregationalist Minister, gave Palo Alto, California, as her address. The jury before which she will appear is the successor to the one which indicted Alger Hiss on perjury charges and 12 top officials of the U.S. Communist Party on charges of conspiring to overthrow the U.S. Government.

The status of Miss Strong's American citizenship and the question of her right to be in this country may come before the jury, Federal authorities said.—Associated Press.

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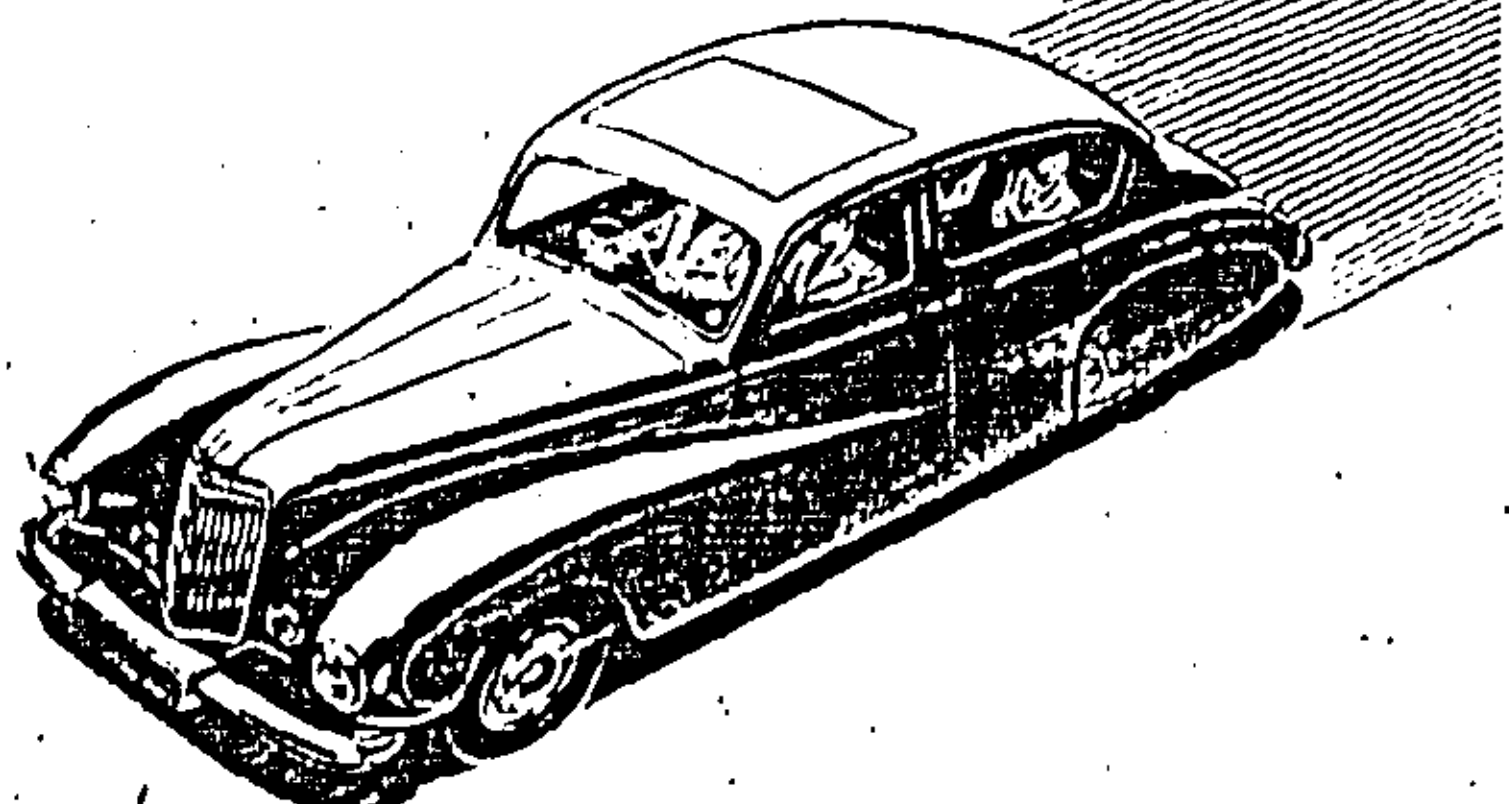
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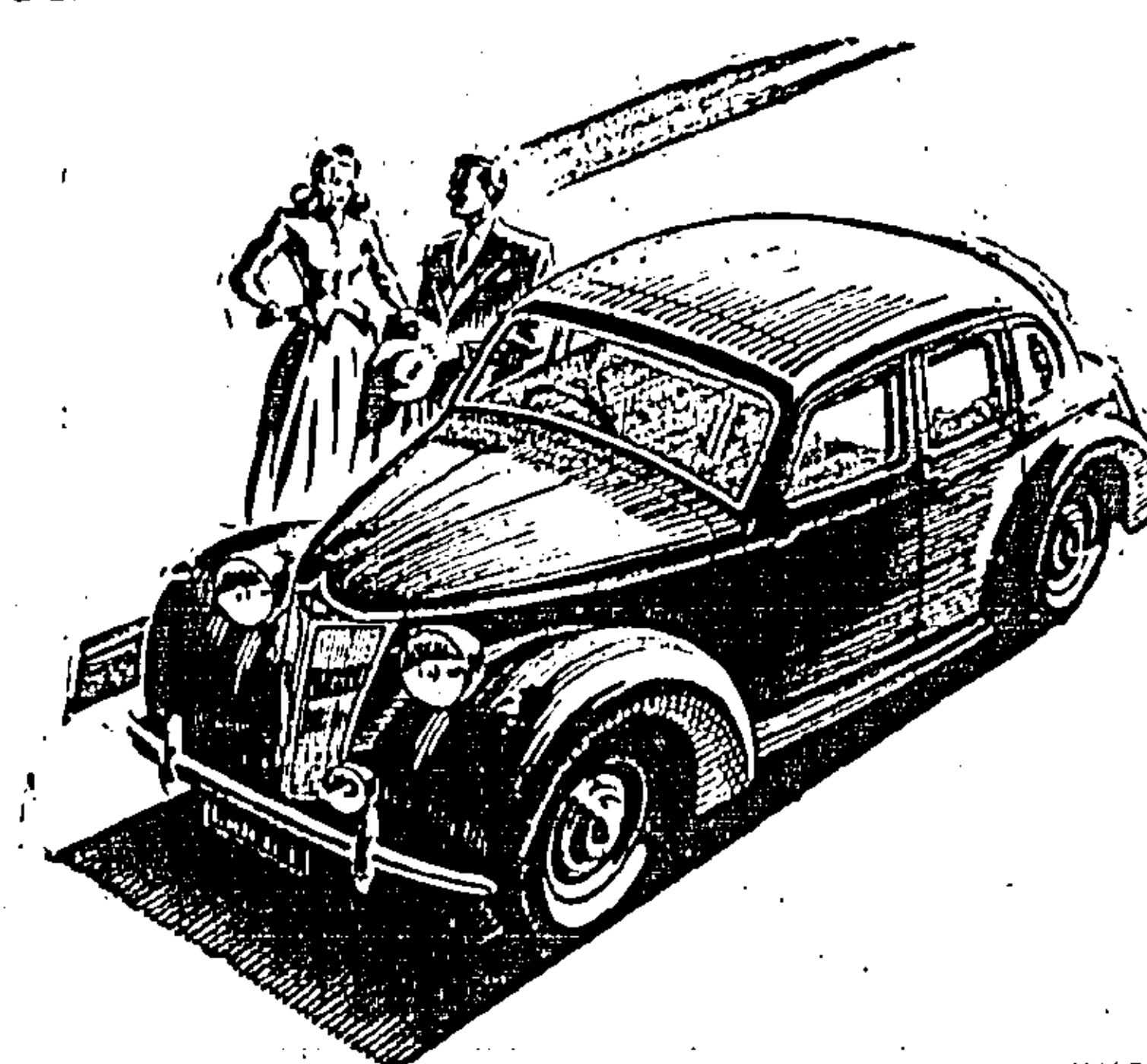
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MOToring NEWS AND VIEWS WIDE VARIETY OF MOTOR CYCLES

Designers Are Slaves Of Fashion?

Now that the excitement of the recent Show at Earls Court has cooled down, second thoughts for some of us, at any rate, appears to boil down to this: the most obvious feature of the display of new models was akin to a fashion show, with the accent on "streamlining," mouth-organ radiator grilles, sunk head lights, bench-type front seats and steering-column-mounted gear levers.

Quite good fun really, but no more essentially advances in the art than longer skirts and bustles in feminine attire could claim to represent anything beyond being different from what tailoring houses offered previously.

Consider streamlining: As pointed out in "The Motor" for August 18 last, in the article on wind-tunnel tests with a model Mercedes-Benz car, the biggest single gain in power was obtained when the engine and running gear were enclosed by a bottom under-tray. As far as I could ascertain, not a single car incorporated this feature. Doubtless a great relief to service stations and the repair shop.

Sunk head lights, while easier to keep clean, are more exposed to damage in case of a crumpled fender, entailing heavier repair bills and higher insurance premiums generally. In vain did I look for lights, sunk or otherwise, that steered with the wheels; so we shall continue to drive at night, sometimes along unfamiliar roads, blind to what lies immediately ahead of the car when rounding bends.

No Crowding

Why crowd three people on the front seat? Driving control is impaired, while the passengers have to put up with the position that best suits the driver. When driving alone or with one passenger only, he or they, will slide from side to side, especially with leather upholstery. Reverting to bucket seats would once more give us comfort and stability, and allow a return to the well-tried lever on the gearbox.

Windscreens to-day are called upon to contribute to the stiffness of the structure and are therefore fixed. Yet as long as the fog nuisance has not been overcome, having to peer through the screen, even if demisted by another gadget, is worse than letting in the cold.

In the widespread adoption of i.f.s. we really have a definite advance in roadability. Three solutions are in use: leaf spring, coil spring and torsion bar. All employ steel as the elastic medium, and therefore perpetuate the constant rate of deflection feature inherent to that material. It is admitted that the ideal spring should have a variable rate, being "soft" under light loading and growing progressively "stiffer" as the load increases.

That condition may be fulfilled by either a pneumatic suspension system, or else by using rubber, suitably blended and cured. The former is admittedly expensive, but rubber is cheap, plentiful and easy to apply. So far, however, beyond bushings, engine mountings and other minor uses, rubber has not been tried in lieu of steel for suspensions by a single producer of popularly priced cars. Presumably we shall have to wait again until the U.S.—or Italy?—shows the way.

As for wheel covers, these have merit provided they are well designed and quickly detachable without the use of a tool. Otherwise they impede wheel washing and tyre inflation, promote brake fade, and are in the way of lifting tackle when shipping the vehicle for a tour abroad.

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All Sizes, Designs Shown In London

Visitors to the Bicycle and Motor Cycle Show, which was held in London recently, were impressed by the wide range of machines designed to suit all purses and all tastes.

Between the tiny Corgi folding model on the one hand and the 150 m.p.h. H. R. D. Black Lightning racing machine on the other, there were motor cycles of all sizes and designs.

Many factories in Britain have decided to cater for those who would not normally ride anything approximating to a sports machine. The best example shown was the entirely new 150 c.c. Velocette, which, with its spring frame, shaft drive, water cooled engine, leg shields, pannier bags and even a glove compartment in the top of the pressed-steel easily cleaned frame, has been designed from stem to stern to provide comfortable quiet transport for thousands of miles even in the hands of the most unmechanically minded.

Women riders have been studied too. There is a hand starter lever and hand gear change, both of which are easier on delicate feet than a foot starter and gear pedal.

Run-About Utility Machine

The Swallow Gadabout is another utility machine of the run-about variety with excellent weather protection and an open frame for parcels.

The least expensive vehicles shown were the familiar 98 c.c. auto-cycles, which all have spring front forks. One Excelsior model even has a two-speed gear in unit with the engine.

Then there were a number of ultra light-weight models with 125 or 150 c.c. two-stroke engines, mostly of Villiers manufacture with either two volt ignition and alternating current lighting.

While the once popular 250 c.c. class was only thinly represented, there were a number of 350's, nearly all conventional push-rod O.H.V. designs familiar to despatch riders during the war. There was also the overhead-camshaft Norton, which, with the Sunbeam, are the only two machines now available for ordinary road use, with this form of valve operation, as well as the twin-cylinder Douglas with its horizontally-opposed, transverse flat-twin engine, supplied in touring and sports versions.

Numerically, the medium-weight 500 or 600 c.c. machines were the largest group, many with single-cylinder engines of well-tried design, but there were several with side-by-side twin engines, of which the best known is probably the Triumph.

Newcomers to this field are the Norton, A.J.S. Matchless and Royal Enfield, the last three being unusual because their two cylinders, instead of being cast as a pair, are entirely separate.

The Enfield gearbox is bolted rigidly to the crankcase to form in effect a unit, an idea also used on the B.S.A. twins. In both cases, primary chain adjustment is effected by a slipper tensioner on the bottom rung of the chain.

A very interesting newcomer to this capacity class was the Wooler, which has an ingenious 4-cylinder engine, composed largely of aluminium and with the four pistons coupled by a rocking-beam mechanism to a single-throw crankshaft lying fore and aft. The drive is taken to the back wheel through a drive shaft, gearbox and final shaft to that, including the Sunbeam, there were actually three makes with shaft drive represented at the Show.

Last Word In Speed
The rider who desired the last word in fast travel naturally turned to the 1,000 c.c. machines, mainly represented at the Show by the 4-cylinder Ariel or the Vincent

H.R.D., a very compact V-twin which, with its dual carburetors, is the fastest machine available in any country today. Shown in three models, the "Black Shadow" version attracts attention by its ebony-finished power unit. Also listed is a replica of the machine which recently put the American speed record up to 160 m.p.h.

Generally speaking, all engines below 200 c.c. (except the little Velocette) were air-cooled, single-cylinder two-strokes, and above that size were O.H.V. four-strokes, mostly single-cylinder, but with the side-by-side twin more widely adopted. Several new examples of the latter arrangement were exhibited, but one maker had re-introduced a single-cylinder 500 c.c. model into his range. There were two four-cylinder engines, the 600 c.c. Wooler and 1,000 c.c. Ariel, and one-litre V-twin.

A notable feature of the Show was the large number of special-interest racing and trials machines. Besides the well-known "Manx" Nortons in 500 and 350 c.c. sizes, there was the 350 c.c. A.J.S. racer, and the "Black Lightning" H.R.D., the only one-litre racing machine available anywhere. B.S.A., A.M.C. and Royal Enfield exhibited trials models, and a centre of attraction was the 500 c.c. T.T. machine, a very highly developed machine not available, however, to the general public.

Family-Type Side-Cars

Besides complete machines and sectioned power units, there were a wide variety of sidecars. Besides the usual light-weight types and comfortable touring models, most makers catalogued a family-type body, capable of carrying a extra passenger. The chassis is so constructed that it can be fitted to either side of a motor cycle to suit overseas countries where side-cars are used on the right.

Those who may prefer something with rather more weather protection will be attracted to the Morgan three-wheeler, supplied in sports and touring forms, and the problem of providing suitable transport for invalid or disabled persons is solved by the Argson and Invacar carriages, which are vast improvements over earlier designs, both mechanically and from the aspect of the driver's comfort. The Argson Invacar is particularly cunning, as with its aid a permanently crippled person can drive a house chair directly on to what is in effect a motorised chassis which then provides the means of road transport.

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Lanchester Cars

China Motor Agencies & Sales Co., local agents for Lanchester cars, suggest to have to increase the price in Hong Kong by £30 from March 1. The new price will therefore be HK\$11,360. The increase has been due to circumstances beyond their control.

Rust-Proof Cars

London, January 28. In a big dipper, 300 feet long, at Birmingham, England, the Standard Motor Company is producing the world's first rust-proof cars. This is a development in the production of automobiles, which has not yet been achieved in any other country. At present, only bodies for the Standard Vanguard, together with complete chassis and frames, are being treated by Fisher and Ludlow Limited in their 45-acre factory at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, where Spitfires and Lancasters were made during the war. It is now the largest plant in Europe.

The rust-proofing plant is capable of treating 18 bodies an hour, the treatment taking 107 minutes. The bodies are impaled on a "spit" on which they revolve as they pass through the six tanks of the cleaning and phosphating section, after which they are dried, painted with primer, and baked. During the process the bodies are completely degreased, the treatment taking 107 minutes. The bodies are impaled on a "spit" on which they revolve as they pass through the six tanks of the cleaning and phosphating section, after which they are dried, painted with primer, and baked. During the process the bodies are completely degreased, the treatment taking 107 minutes. The bodies are impaled on a "spit" on which they revolve as they pass through the six tanks of the cleaning and phosphating section, after which they are dried, painted with primer, and baked. During the process the bodies are completely degreased, the treatment taking 107 minutes.

In all other rust-preventing processes, it has been impossible to guarantee that every particle of the car is fully protected. A car treated by the new process can be left in the open in any climate for any number of years and it will never rust. Even if the protective coat is broken at any spot of the car, the rust will attack only the exposed metal, but it will not spread.

Britain Leads In Exports

Britain was last year the largest exporters of motorcars in the world. Her overseas sales of cars, commercial vehicles and agricultural tractors totalled £140,000,000 or £200,000,000 more than in 1937. The number of motor vehicles exported in December, the highest since July, in that month 20,000 cars, valued at more than £5,000,000, were shipped and early 7,300 commercial vehicles, the value of which, at nearly £3,500,000, was a new record.

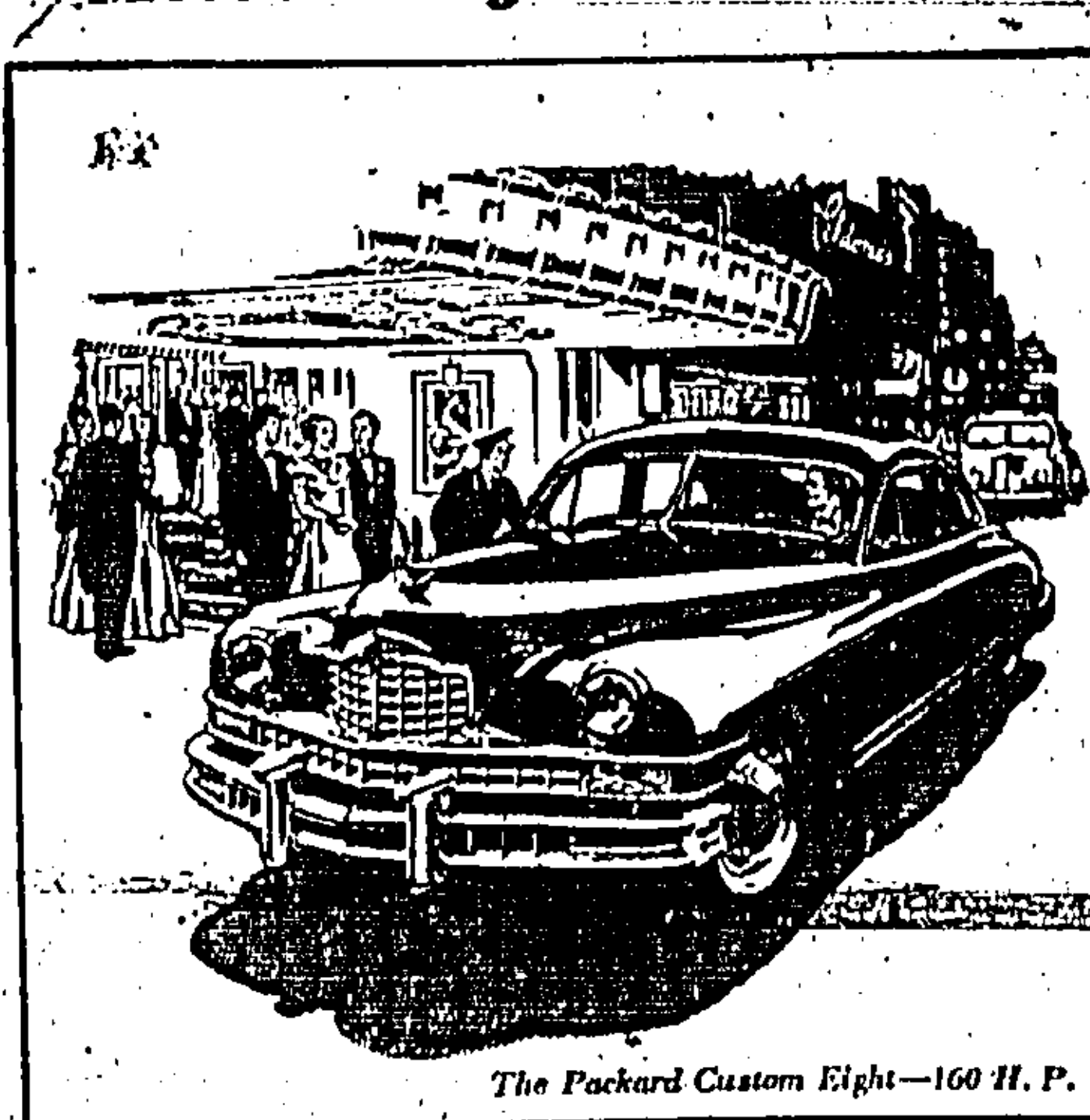
Mr. Gresham Cooke, Director of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and traders, says that in 1938 the motor industry as a whole became Britain's greatest exporting industry. The value of its exports surpassed those of cotton mills by £15,000,000.

Australia was the motor industry's best customer, taking some 65,000 cars and commercial vehicles valued £17,000,000. The U.S.A.'s purchases of cars totalled £5,600,000. South Africa's approximately £4,000,000 and Belgium's £4,200,000. South Africa was Britain's second best customer for commercial vehicles with imports valued at £3,500,000.

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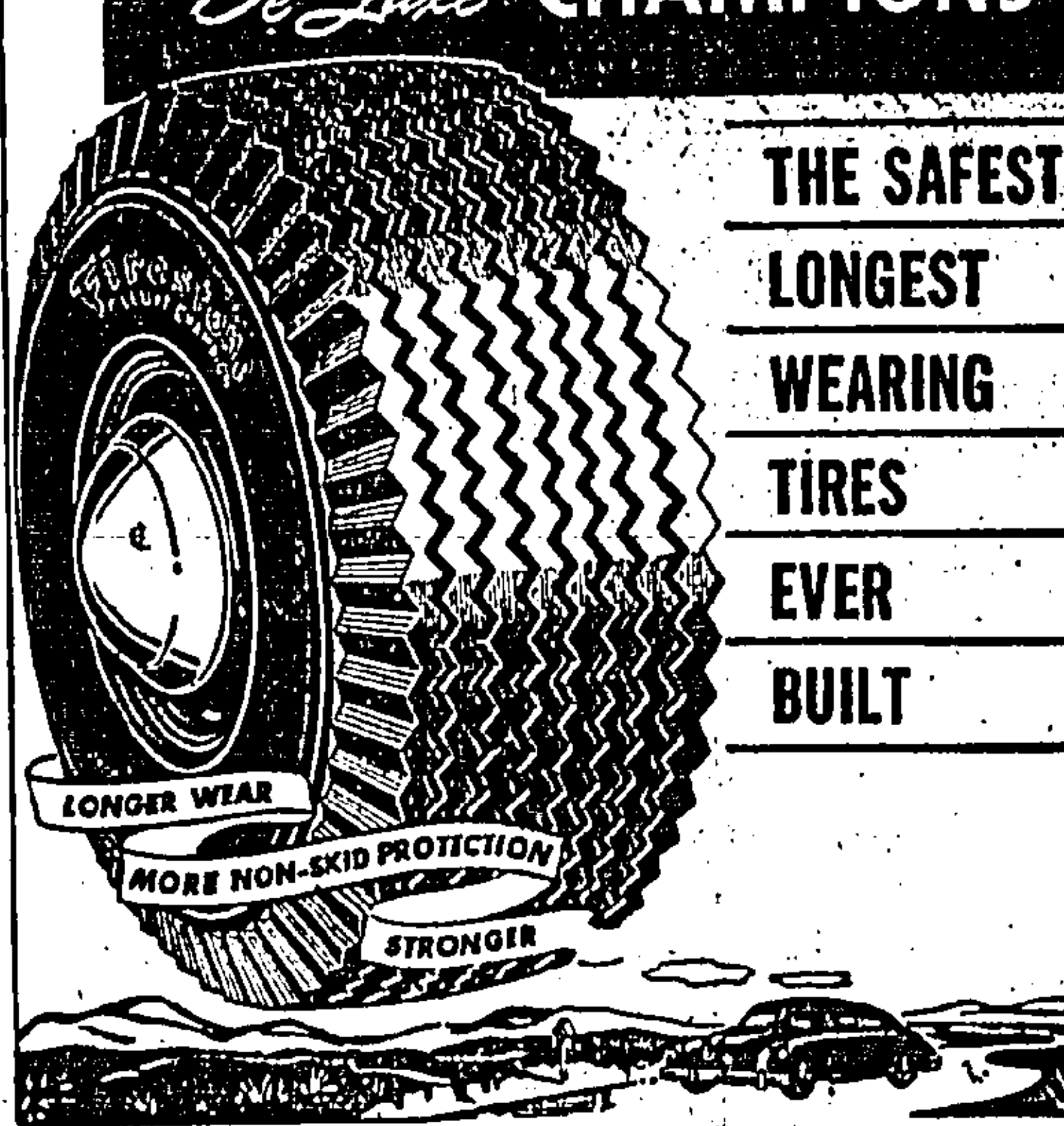
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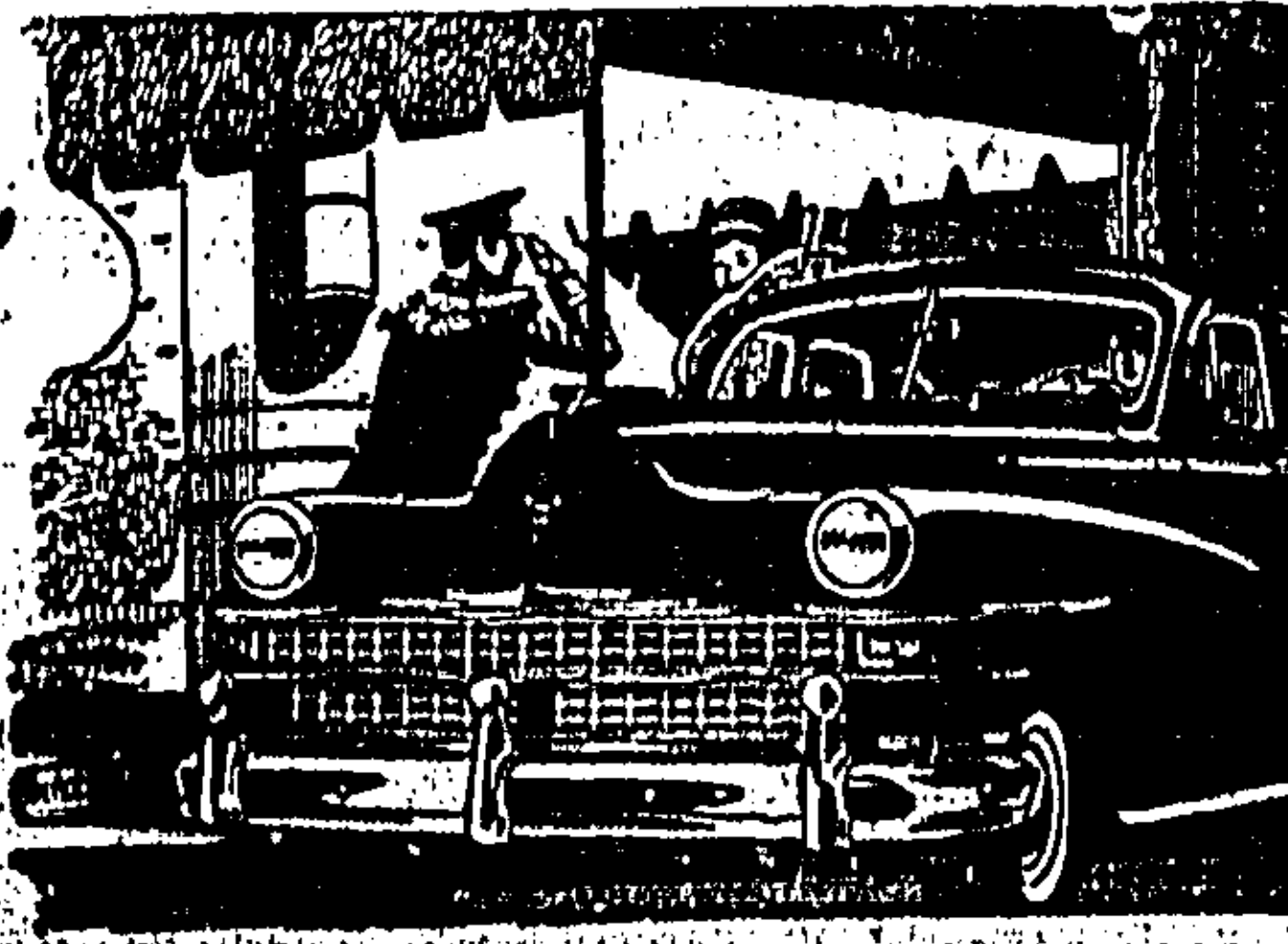
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ACTION PENDING AGAINST FRENCH COMMUNIST CHIEF

Paris, February 24.

The French Premier, M. Henri Queuille, told the French National Assembly tonight that the Communist leader, M. Maurice Thorez's statement that, "should the Soviet Army come to France, French workers would behave towards it as did the workers of Poland and Rumania," had been sent to the Public Prosecutor's Office. The Premier made it clear that it was now up to the law officers to decide whether to take any action.

M. Thorez had repeated his statement, originally made earlier this week, in the Assembly today. Five hundred and fifty French deputies from Communists to Gaullists and extreme right-wingers rose like one man to indicate their agreement when M. Edouard Herriot, the Speaker of the Chamber, asked if the House wished for an immediate discussion of the speech.

M. Queuille warned the Communists that the Government would not tolerate any campaign to demoralise the Army. "All those who come into conflict with the law, undermining the morale of the Army, will have to answer for their acts before the Courts of Justice," he declared.

After three years of Communist agitation, confidence had now returned to the country, he said. The Communists were less able to exploit economic discontent and they were therefore looking for new means of continuing their "iniquitous propaganda," he added.

Earlier, a right wing deputy, M. Pierre Andre, invited the Government to outlaw the Communist Party. M. Marc Scherer, a Popular Republican, opening the debate, asked, "Does M. Maurice Thorez consider himself the leader of a party at the service of a foreign country?"

M. Thorez said he welcomed the opportunity to repeat his statement. He said "The workers of France and the friends of peace will do everything to render war against the Soviet Union not just difficult but impossible." The Communist benches applauded the statement loudly.

M. Thorez said his statement had aroused worldwide attention because there was at this time a new threat of war, a war prepared cleverly by the imperialist powers—a war in which France was asked to be the ally of Germany and Spain.

"The capitalist countries were engaged again in a fight for markets overseas which would inevitably lead to war unless the people of the world resisted," he said. Referring to the Atlantic Pact, M. Thorez said: "Whatever may be its final form, there will be a programme of armaments lend-lease to Western Europe. That means that military bases against the Soviet Union will be set up from Norway to Turkey."

"We still believe that the American people, like any other people, do not want war. It is their administrators who have already made their choice—war—and who want to see their choice endorsed by their people and by the peoples of other countries."

M. Guy Mollet, Socialist, accused the Communists of wanting to create a war psychosis, to enable them to appear as the defenders of peace. He added that the whole French nation would rise in defence against any aggressor, wherever he came from, even if he proved to be a former ally.

The debate was then adjourned until 8.30 p.m. GMT. M. Queuille continued: "It is the first duty of every Frenchman to defend his country." France would welcome any military aid the United States might send as a consequence of the signing of the Atlantic Pact, he said.

The Prime Minister announced that M. Thorez's statement had been sent to the Public Prosecutor's Office.

M. Queuille made it clear that it is for the law officers to decide whether to take any action. —Reuter.

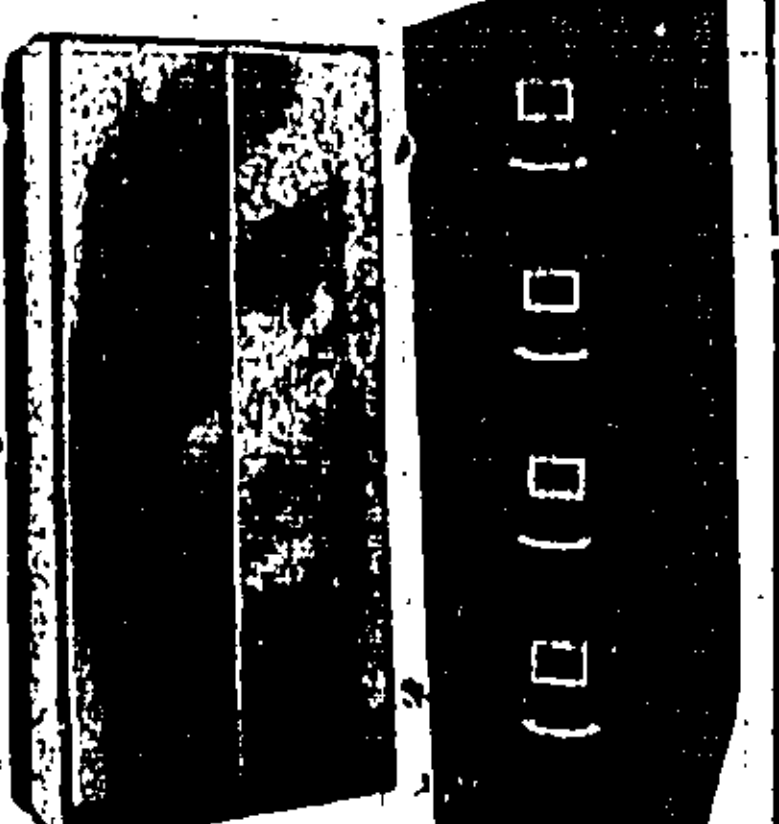
King Enjoys Better Health

London, February 24.

King George VI appeared in better health today when he arrived at Buckingham Palace after his six-week holiday at Sandringham, his Norfolk estate. He had a very slight limp as he walked to the car which awaited him at King's Cross Station.

At the end of last year, the King had to cancel his projected tour of Australia and New Zealand because of an affection of the leg arteries. His first big official engagement since his illness will be at Buckingham Palace next Tuesday, when he holds an investiture.

He will remain seated during the ceremony, —Reuter.



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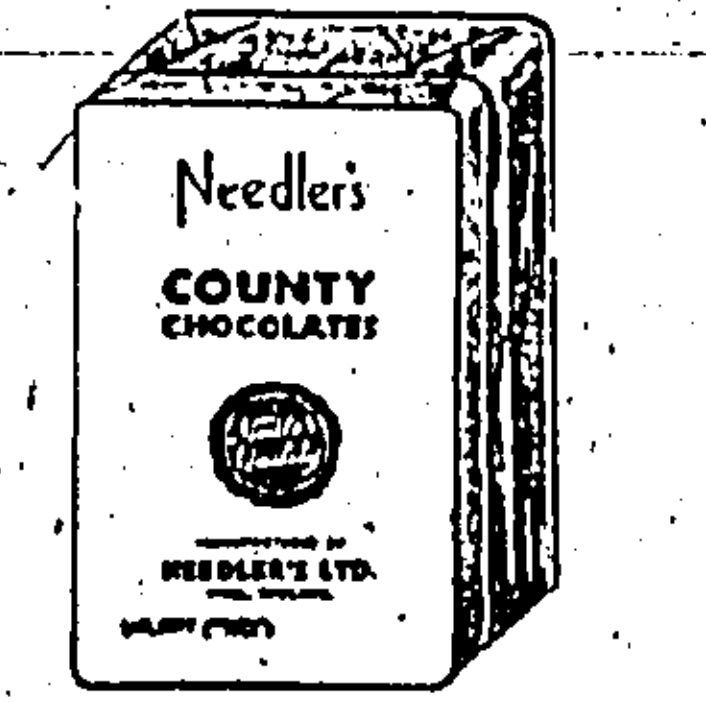
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Soviet Satellite Countries Throttling Church Influence

Geneva, Switzerland, February 25.

Higher National Bill Expected

London, February 24.

British taxpayers heard today that in the next few weeks the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, would find himself faced with a national bill of nearly £3,000 million higher than he had to budget for last year.

The financial prophets arrived at this conclusion by adding the Defence Estimates to the Civil Estimates, which were published today. The new figures showed that the cost of running the various Government departments and services will be £2,239,597, 088—an increase of £278, 718,558.

The cost of the National Health Service has leaped from £185,431,142 to £226, 424,000. Food Ministry estimates have increased by over £37 million. The Secret Service will cost £3 million—half a million more than the current year.

Expenses in connection with the United Nations are increased from £918,000 to £1,155,000.—Reuter.

Plot In Siam Foiled By Police

Bangkok, February 24.

Siamese police have crushed a new plot to overthrow the Government of Marshal Pibul Songkram, official sources said tonight. Fourteen people, including two officers of the Siamese Navy and some Chinese suspected of Communist sympathies, have been arrested. More arrests are expected.

A high official source told Reuter that the plotters intended to assassinate the Prime Minister and leading members of the Cabinet. Special precautions by troops and police were being observed in Bangkok tonight.

The roundup of plot suspects followed a formal declaration of a state of emergency throughout the country under a Royal decree issued earlier today. The decree, signed by the Council of the Regency last night, was said to be necessitated by the Communist menace to the country and by the situation in neighbouring countries.

It urged the public not to be alarmed, cautioned the press against the publication of anything detrimental to national interests and warned the business community against hoarding and profiteering.—Reuter.

The throttling of church influence in the Russian satellite countries of Eastern Europe is moving with the precision of a time table, Western Church officials in Geneva say.

Some churchmen who have maintained contacts in Eastern Europe say the whole pattern is so rigid, carefully planned and executed it appears to have been dictated by a central authority, possibly the Cominform (Communist International Information Bureau).

They say the whole structure of church and religious life in Eastern Europe is being altered by Communist pressure.

The life sentencing of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary and the forthcoming trial of 15 Protestant leaders of Bulgaria are only the headline developments in this burrowing into the foundations of established religious life, according to these informants.

Churchmen in this international vantage point say hundreds of church officials and pastors are either in prison or living in enforced retirement.

Christian schools are being forced under state sponsorship. Non-Marxist youth movements are being dissolved, relationships with foreign churches or religious organisations broken abruptly.

All this is being done under the guise of action against "espionage" and "reactionary" centres.

Advanced Progress

The process is most advanced in Rumania, Hungary and Bulgaria. But it is not far behind in Poland and Czechoslovakia. A start was made in Yugoslavia, but the campaign appears to have been blunted. Whether this was due to Marshal Tito's rupture with the Cominform or to the unbending attitude of the Serbian Orthodox church is uncertain. The Communists also have made little progress against the Lutheran church in Finland.

Churchmen here who have had direct contact and correspondence with Eastern Europe's religious leaders say the campaign follows these rigid rules:—

1. Churches are not persecuted openly as in the early days of the Russian revolution.

2. Influence of the church on public life must be eliminated; the church must be brought under

Government control.

3. Any vital, personal religious opposition must be eliminated by getting rid of the responsible church leaders on civil or moral charges.—Associated Press.

"Loot Of Lima" Believed Found

Los Angeles, February 24.

Searchers believe that they have located the fabulous "Loot of Lima," pirate booty estimated to be worth \$500, 000,000 and supposed to be buried under the shore of tiny Cocos Island, off the West coast of Costa Rica.

The "Loot of Lima" is supposed to have been carried by the ill-fated British merchantman, Mary Dear, to Cocos when Simon Bolivar, the Liberator, staged his march on Lima, Peru.

Ellie Paterson, a former Lieutenant Governor of California who sailed from here on January 21 with an expedition to search for the gold, returned last night. He said that Mr. James Forbes claimed he had located the treasure under the beach and at the mouth of a stream on the small island with metal detectors. This is Forbes' fifth quest for the loot. He maintains that it is shown on maps left by his great-grandfather, who was a pirate.

The treasure, as recorded in Spanish archives, consists of solid gold statues and other art objects, relics of the Spanish Conquest of Peru.—Reuter.

Truman Praises Accord

Washington, February 24.

President Harry Truman said today he is "immensely gratified" over the armistice agreement between Israel and Egypt.

He told a press conference he congratulated the United Nations mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, for his part in the settlement.

President Truman expressed the hope that there will be similar agreements between Israel and other Arab states leading to permanent peace.

"I am immensely gratified over the news from Rhodes that the representatives of Egypt and Israel have signed an armistice agreement," he said.

"This act is a tribute to the restraint and statesmanship of the two Governments. I wish also to congratulate the United Nations mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, whose untiring efforts so greatly contributed to the success of these negotiations," he added.

President Truman said that "I hope that now a formal armistice has been agreed upon between Egypt and Israel. This pattern for peace will be followed rapidly towards the conclusion of similar agreements between Israel and the other Arab states."

"A general armistice will then, I trust, lead to the attainment of permanent peace, thus freeing the talents of these Near-Eastern peoples for constructive work in the development of their respective countries."

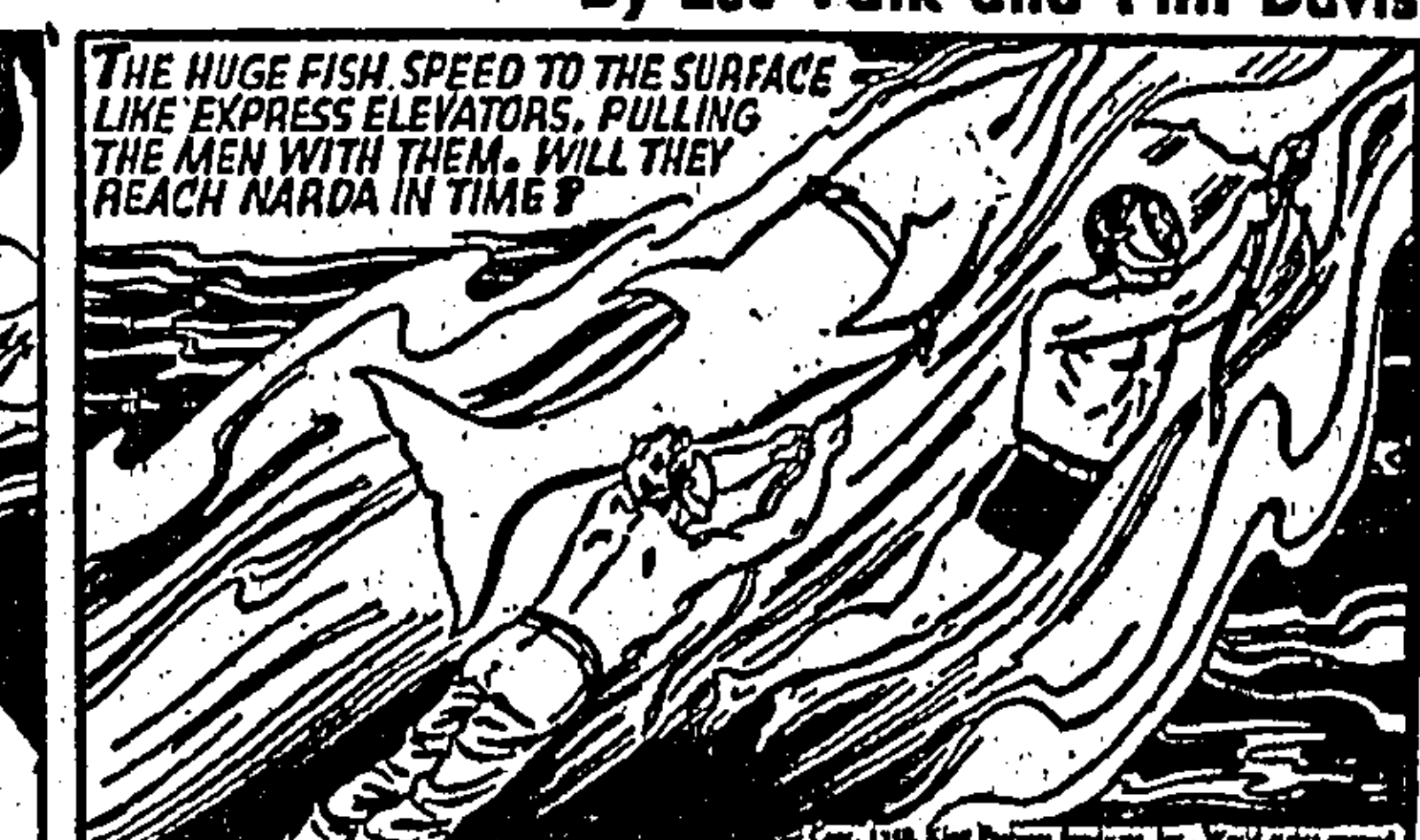
"As a member of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, the United States stands ready to assist the parties to the rapid conclusion of a just and honourable peace."—Associated Press.

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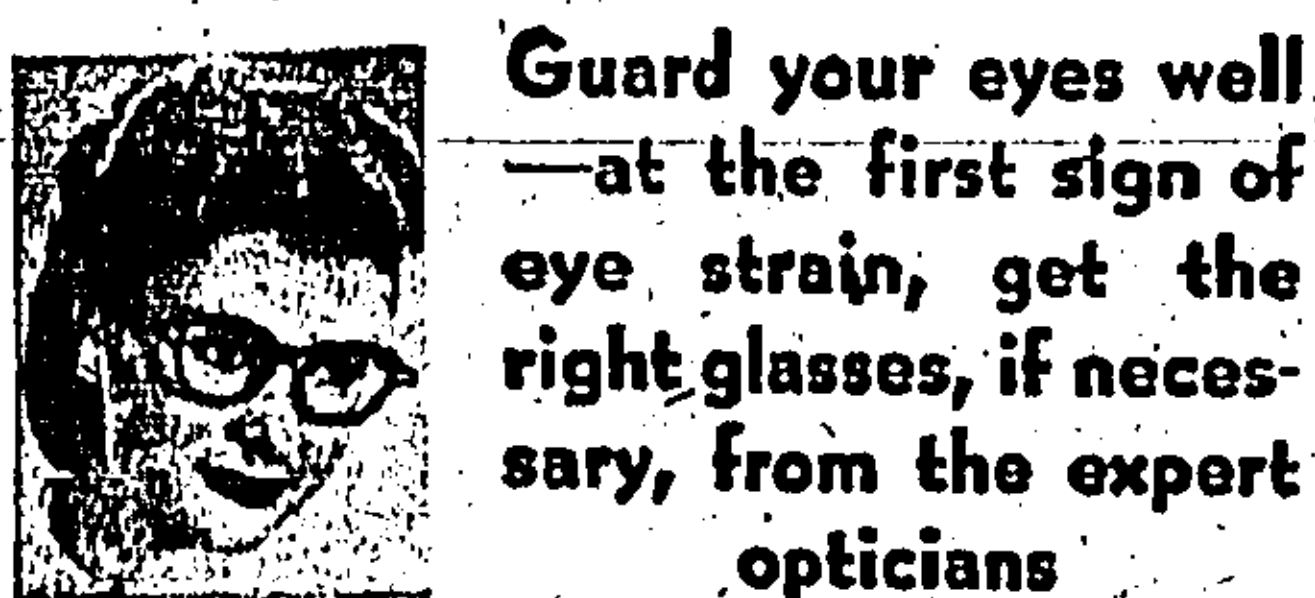
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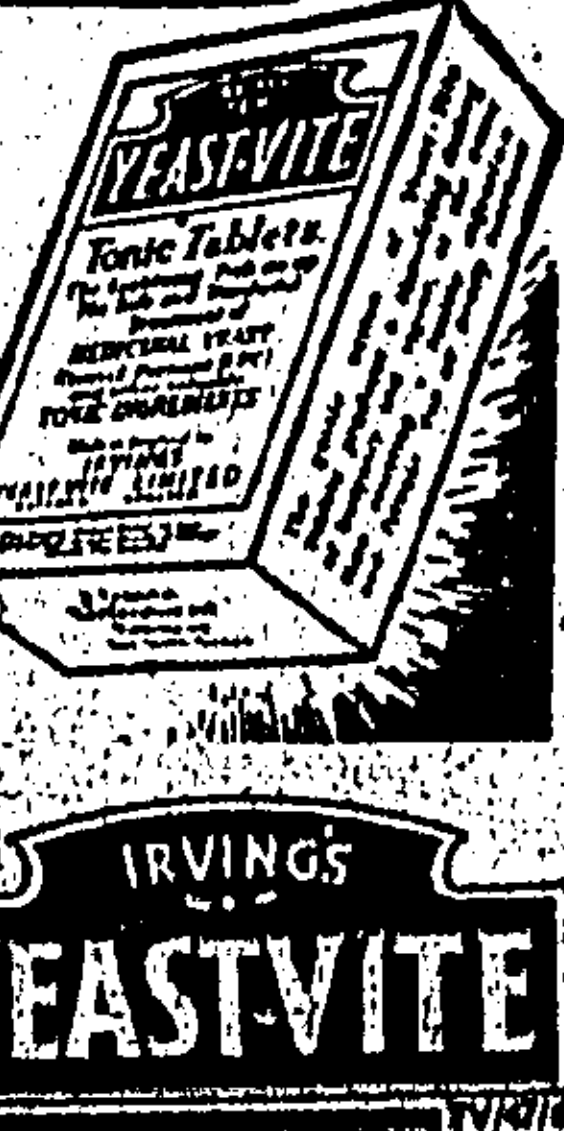
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Burmese Payment Promised

Rangoon, February 24. The Burmese Premier, Thakun Nu, today gave an assurance to British businessmen in Burma that the Government would settle "in the not too distant future" the question of payment to certain concerns for assets taken over.

Addressing the annual general meeting of the Burma Chamber of Commerce, representing British commercial interests, Thakun Nu said the "letter and spirit of the Anglo-Burmese Treaty" would be strictly adhered to in settling all outstanding matters relating to foreign concerns.

The Premier acknowledged that negotiations were now taking place whereby the Burma Government proposed to enter into partnership with British-owned oil companies in Burma for the continuance of the oil industry.

Earlier, Mr. P. D. M. Lingeman, Chairman of the Burma Chamber of Commerce, said that the Chamber had "the most important outstanding issue" which required Government clarification.

This was, he said, a settlement of claims by those whose businesses had been nationalised by the Burma Government. Mr. Lingeman pointed out that some British businesses had not yet received payments for assets taken over, adding that this would be a "powerful deterrent" to private-owned foreign capital venturing into Burma.

The Department said the increase resulted from an unusual temporary accumulation of shipments and did not represent reversal in the overall downward trend in these exports which is expected to continue.

The December figure was the highest since December, 1947. Exports for 1948 totalled US\$132,410,000, a decline of 38.3 per cent from the record US\$214,515,747 reported in 1947.

Exports of synthetic rubber declined sharply. The total value was US\$3,665,791 compared to US\$6,103,997 for 1947. Associated Press.

Scandinavian Defence Pact Not Practicable

Oslo, February 24.

Dr. Halvard Lange, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, told Parliament today that his talks in Washington had convinced the Government that a Scandinavian alliance on a "pact-free" basis was no longer a practical possibility.

"Solidarity limited to smaller units and neutral in attitude cannot have the necessary effect of preventing war," he told Parliament.

Dr. Lange said that to secure lasting peace, the Western European democracies "must be reconstructed economically, socially and culturally through organised and lasting co-operation, and they must be consolidated politically." This must include "defence co-operation on a regional basis," he said.

Dr. Lange declared: "If we choose this line we should, in the Government's opinion, aim at participating in the preliminary discussions on a peace and defence pact among the North Atlantic countries soon enough to enable us to make our influence felt in the formulation of such a regional agreement."

This would not bind Norway to an Atlantic Pact. The final decision would be taken by Parliament.

Dr. Lange said the Atlantic Pact "has no offensive front against anyone." "In reply to our careful inquiries in Washington, we were assured that it had never been in the United States' thoughts to request bases in Norway in peacetime and that there would be no request for joint bases for countries in the pact."

The American and British attitude was that an alliance-free Scandinavian defence union could not possibly expect political or material support from the West.

"The big Western democracies, desiring to prevent war, are trying to create stability and a new balance in our part of the world—possibly only on the basis of solidarity and co-operation in the spheres of economics, politics and defence within an area big enough to constitute a real factor in world political power."

It was obvious the proposed Atlantic Pact was to be a regional agreement based on the principle of one for all and for all, in the event of any party being attacked.

"We learned that no demands would be made on any country forcing them to maintain defence forces at a higher level than their economy allowed. It stressed that economic recovery in the individual countries and in whole Western Europe must have first priority."

"The pact assumes that there will be set up joint advisory and planning organs in which all parties will have the same voting rights. Details of the obligations for mutual help in case of attack have not yet been defined," he said.

No Pressure

"It was stressed both in Washington and London that there was no desire to influence our decision or exert pressure upon us. It is entirely up to us to decide whether we will join at once, wait until the pact is fully prepared, join at a later date or not join at all."

"We must make this decision on the basis of our own considerations. The Atlantic Pact is to be a voluntary union of free peoples."

Dr. Lange said Norway's reply to the Soviet Union's last note with the offer of a non-aggression pact was under consideration. It would be given as soon as Parliament next week had had an opportunity to discuss and decide their attitude to the questions raised by the Soviet Union.

The Foreign Minister repeated that Norway's security problem was two-fold:

1. Norway could not be strong enough to scare off or resist aggression by a great power, but must help; and

2. To build up defence she must have military supplies from abroad "on an economic basis."

After the Oslo meeting, it was natural for Norway to consider discussing her security problems with the big Western democracies.—Reuter.

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Mail Service by Air and Surface to Tientsin and Peiping is temporarily suspended until further notice.

AIRMAIL DELAYED
Due to weather conditions the following provisional changes in arrival and departure of planes is notified:—

1. The Inward Airmail from United Kingdom scheduled to arrive on Thursday, February 24, is now expected to arrive on Saturday, February 26, 1949.
2. The Outward Airmail for Japan, scheduled to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, will now close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 1949. (Registered mail half an hour earlier.)
3. The Outward Airmail for United Kingdom, scheduled to close at 10 a.m. on Sunday, February 27, will now close on Tuesday, March 1, 1949, at Kowloon GPO 4.30 p.m. and Hong Kong GPO 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier.)

Outward Mails
Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Post close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Tientsin and Nanking: Airmail for Chungking, (Reg.) 8 p.m., (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 8 p.m., (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Manila, 2 p.m.

Formosa via Takao, 3 p.m.
Ceylon, Madagascar, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Karachi and Bombay, 3 p.m.

Straits, 3 p.m.
Bangkok, 4 p.m.
Straits, Aden, Egypt and Marseilles, 2 p.m.

Swatow, 4 p.m.
Tientsin via Canton, 5 p.m.
Batavia, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 10.2 (Ord.) 10 a.m., 11.7.

Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., (GPO) 9.30 a.m., Noon.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 2.2 (Ord.) 9 a.m., 2.7/2.

Airmail for Tientsin: Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin: Airmail for Fookchow, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 2.2 (Ord.) 10 a.m., 11.7.

Airmail for Kunming and Calcutta, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 2.2 (Ord.) 9.30 a.m., 2.7/2.
Airmail for Hongkong and Hanoi, (Reg.) 5 p.m., 2.2 (Ord.) 10 a.m., 11.7.

Closing Times by Sea
Swatow, 4 p.m.
Japan, 10 a.m.
Manila, 10 a.m.
Amoy, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 6 p.m.

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LEAVES HONGKONG	DUE LONDON
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"CANTON"	16th May
"CANTON"	18th June
"CORFU"	11th July
"CANTON"	8th August
"CANTON"	5th September

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden & Port Said.

FREIGHT SERVICE

"BOMALI"	In port, 15th Feb. for Japan. (Passenger accommodation available for Japan.)
"TREVINCE"	due 8th Mar. from London, Continent, Karachi & Bombay via Straits.
"TREVINCE"	sails 15th Mar. for Shanghai & Japan. Hong Kong cargo will be transhipped at Singapore to m.s. "TREVINCE".
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"DAYDEAM"	due 25th Feb. from Calcutta via Straits for Japan.
"SHIRALA"	due 1st Mar. from Japan & Amoy. (Agent Line)
"SANGOLA"	due 15th Mar. from Japan & Shanghai. (Agent Line)

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ARRIVALS FROM EUROPE

M.V. BENGAL	Discharging	3rd Mar.
M.V. HALLAND	"	20th Mar.

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

M.V. BALI	Loading	14th Mar.
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S.S. "STEEL TRAVELER"	Discharging 3rd Apr.
S.S. "STEEL CHEMIST"	"
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Arrivals	Sailings
"TASMAN" from Swatow & Amoy 26th Feb.	to Macassar 5th March.
"TJITJALENGKA" In port	to Macassar 5th March.
TJIBADAK from Macassar 3rd March.	to Macassar 17th March.
"TJISADANE" from Macassar 17th March.	to Macassar 31st March.

ASIA-AFRICA-S. AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Sailings
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South Africa 5th March.	to South Africa 23rd March.
"HOISSEVAIN" from South Africa 31st March.	to South Africa 21st April.
"STRAAT SOENDA" In port.	to South Africa 18th May.
"TEGELBERG" from South America & South Africa 13th June.	to South Africa 17th June.

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"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Dell & S'pore 8th Mar.	to B. Dell 14th March.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Sailings
"RIJNEKER" In port	to S'hai, Japan via Koolung 27th Feb.
"MELISKERK" from Europe 3rd March.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 14th March.
"MARIEKERK" from Europe Early April.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 14th March.
"MOLENKERK" from Europe Early May.	to Europe via Manila & Straits 14th May.

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m.v. "BENARES"	End Apr.

SAILING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST
VIA LOS ANGELES

m.v. "BENGAL"	5th Mar.
s.s. "DONA AURORA"	15th Apr.
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(With Passenger Accommodation)

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Market may best be described as a "will-o-the-wisp". It flickers momentarily only to flicker out almost at once. Business during the week was again at a very low ebb, the declaration of dividends having no stimulating effect whatever, almost the reverse.

Dividends declared this week: Hong Kong Electric \$11 free of tax. Hong Kong Tramways a final of \$1 less tax. Hong Kong Land \$3 free of tax. Kwong Sang Hong a final of \$8 less tax. Kowloon Wharves \$12 less tax on the fully paid shares as at January 1, 1948.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS:
1st Loan (1954 & 1955) 101 1/2%
2nd Loan (1955) 101 1/2%
BANKS:
H.K. & S. Bank 100, 178 1/2%
Chartered Bank 211 9/16%
Mercantile Bank A. & B. 424 1/2%
Bank of East Asia 128 1/2%
INSURANCE:
Union Ins. 355 1/2, 370%
Union Ins. 707 1/2, 710%
China Underwriters 540 1/2%
H.K. Fire Ins. 265 1/2%
SHIPPING:
Dunlop 237 1/2%
H.K. & M. Steamships 17 1/2%
Indo China (Pref.) 55%
H.K. (Def.) 25%
Shell (Hercr) 71 7/10 1/2%
Union Waterworks 31%
Asia Nav. 200%
DOCK, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.:
H.K. & K. Wharves (Ord) 138%
(New) 131%
North Point Wharves 7%
Sh. Hongkong Wharves 25%
H.K. Dock 24 1/2%
China Godowns 18 1/2%
Shanghai Dockyards X.D. 12 1/2, 12 3/4%
Wharves 3 1/2, 3 3/4%
MINING:
Rock Mines 6 1/2%
H.K. Mines 10 1/2%
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:
H. & S. Hotels 12 3/4, 10 1/2%
H.K. Lands 6 1/2%
Shanghai Lands 3 5/8, 3 1/4%
Humphreys X.D. 13%
H.K. Real Estate 17 1/2%
PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways 10 3/4, 10 5/8, 10 7/8%
Peak Tram (Ord) 20%
(New) 11%
Sui Fung X.D. 12 1/2%
China Lights (Ord) 14 3/4, 14 1/2%
(New) 11%
H.K. Electric 38%
Macao Electric 25%
Sunkin Lights 15 1/2%
Telephone 33, 42 1/2%
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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd March, 1949 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 2nd March, 1949 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 24th March, 1949 or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, Feb. 24, 1949.

South Africa Plans Control Of All Imports

Capetown, February 24. The Union of South Africa would impose physical control of all imports, the Minister of Finance, Dr. N. C. Havenga, announced in the Assembly today. It would be applied to sterling as well as non-sterling areas. Permits would be required he said, for the importation of goods not on the prohibited list.

From the date of the inception of such a permit system, he added, no goods not covered by permits would be allowed entry into the Union from the sterling area.

The existing exchange quota scheme for imports from non-sterling areas would continue until June 30, 1949. After that date, these goods would be allowed entry only on an import permit or evidence that payment for these goods was made under the available exchange quota.

The Finance Minister said goods ordered from sterling areas after today would not receive import permits unless the Department of Commerce and Industry considered them "reasonable."

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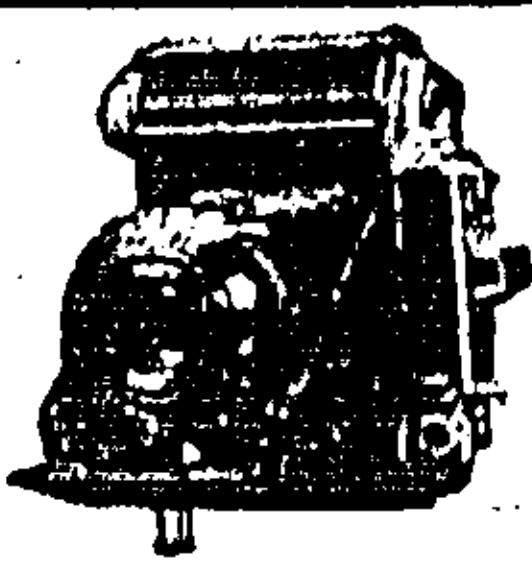
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SECOND RACE MEET AT VALLEY TODAY

The Second Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held this afternoon and, given fine weather, should attract a large crowd.

The first saddle race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

Another nine events will be down for decision, the most important of which will be the Melbourne Cup, a handicap event for Australian Ponies of any previous season.

This is the fifth race on the programme, and it will be contested over the full distance of two miles.

Race No. 1—Ascot Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

The opening race is confined to Australian Subscription Ponies of 1948 whether they have started or not. Ponies that have won \$750 or more in stakes barred. Weight 147 lb.

Going through a process of elimination, I think we need only look for the winner among the following: Aeroplane (Mr. Potemkin), Easy-going (Mr. Gregory), Healer (Mr. Minu), Roslyn (Mr. Kwok) and Canadian Potato (Mr. Peter Young).

Aeroplane, in view of its fourth placing at the last Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (Third Section) over this distance has a great opportunity of winning this race.

Easy-going should be in the running if it takes into its head to run straight otherwise it may again prove a disappointment.

Healer which will be running its first race this afternoon can give the above two ponies a good fight for the first place as it has been showing good form at morning gallops.

Roslyn and Canadian Potato can be relied on to do well and should not be neglected.

Race No. 2—Doncaster Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

This event is confined to Australian Subscription Ponies of 1948. Ponies that have won more than \$1,000 and those that have won less than \$750 in stakes barred. Weight 147 lb. Ponies that have won \$1,000 in stakes 5 lb. penalty. Jockey Allowance.

Bitter Sweet (Mr. Peter Young), by virtue of its second placing in the Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (Third Section) at the last meeting over the mile will no doubt be in big demand.

I, however, prefer Hongkong Stutze (Mr. Gregory), although it came in third in the above race second section, as this pony has been behaving quite well in morning gallops following the meeting.

Zephyr will again be taken out by Mr. Shiell and, as it lost by a neck to Bitter Sweet, it should be very near at the finish.

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Selections For Today

(By 'RAPIER')

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AEROPLANE
EASY-GOING
OUTSIDER: Roslyn.

Race No. 2
HONGKONG STUTZE
BITTER SWEET
ZEPHYR
OUTSIDER: Sparkling Star.

Race No. 3
CHIEF PILOT
BECKENHAM
RED FOX
OUTSIDER: Masterpiece.

Race No. 4
SKYMASTER
OAKLAND BRIDGE
LUCKY STUTZER
OUTSIDER: Pegasus.

Race No. 5
LOVELY LADY
FORT KNOX
PLEASANT VALLEY
OUTSIDER: Sunshine.

Race No. 6
FOYLE
REPUTATION
CONDOR
OUTSIDER: Glacial Lake.

Race No. 7
JEEP HEE
THE ALLIGATOR
TOPPER
OUTSIDER: Probability.

Race No. 8
LUCKY JANE
GREEN VELVET
AMSTERDAM
OUTSIDER: Hop Yick.

Race No. 9
NOONDAY SUN
HEROIC LASSIE
REBEL
OUTSIDER: Avalon.

Race No. 10
ASCOT STAKES
(Section Section): One Mile.

Second lot of Australian Subscription Ponies of 1948 whether they have started or not and those that have won \$750 or more in stakes barred are given an opportunity of fighting out the issue in this event, and, eliminating the unlikely winners, I think the race should be decided between the following: Foyle (Mr. Ostroff), Reputation (Mr. Rowlands), Condor (Mr. Minu) and Glacial Lake (Mr. Wong Yan).

In the course of preparation for the Annual Race Meeting, Foyle, which is regarded as an outstanding pony among this year's Australian ponies, suffered from leg trouble which prevented it from making an appearance. It is, therefore, making its debut this afternoon, and, without belittling the opposition, I am of the opinion that Foyle should win, and probably without much difficulty.

A great deal, however, depends on whether Reputation can last the distance. It came in fourth in the Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (Fourth Section) at the last meeting over this distance. Foyle, a good runner up to a certain stage, but it will have to do remarkably well to win.

Condor, is another pony to watch, but it may disappoint again, whilst Glacial Lake is not bad to follow as an outsider.

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Golf News

The Final of the Ladies Club Championship is being played on Tuesday, March 1st, at the final hole Mrs. J. Hall and Mrs. S. Bone.

Race No. 7—Doncaster Stakes (Section Section): One Mile.

Among the entries in this race and judging on past performances, Highlight is the natural choice, but it suffered from some unexplained ailment after coming in fourth in the Hong Kong Derby at the Annual Meeting and is still not in condition to face the starter this afternoon.

In its absence the following are undoubtedly the best: Jeep Hee (Mr. Maitland), Topper (Mr. Chanson), Topper (Mr. Ostroff) and Probability (Mr. K.F. Chiu).

Jeep Hee is probably a little better than the others in view of its second placing in the Wang-neichung Stakes (Second Section) at the last meeting.

Topper, which ran a good second in the Gin Drinkers Stakes (First Section) over the mile at the last meeting must be considered as the only pony coming on nicely. Probability may be worth following as an outsider.

Race No. 8—Ascot Stakes (Third Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by a third batch of unplaced ponies and non-starters of this season and it is certainly no easy matter to pick out the winner.

The winner will probably be one of the following: Green Velvet (Mr. Potemkin), Lucky Star (Mr. Shiell) and Hop Yick (Mr. Rowlands).

Green Velvet came in fourth in the Consolation Stakes (Fifth Section) on the last day of the Annual Meeting with Mr. Tu, and judging on that run and with a change in the jockey department, I believe it can win here.

The strongest opposition will come from Lucky Jane which will be making its first appearance this afternoon. The pony is certainly very fit at the moment, and I can recommend a ticket each way with confidence.

Amsterdam, for coming in fourth in the Wanching Stakes (Fifth Section) over this distance at the Annual Meeting is also to be reckoned with as the distance is more suitable to this pony.

Hop Yick is not a bad selection to keep in mind over this distance and might give the others a fright as it was officially fourth in the Gin Drinkers Bay Stakes (First Section)—1 mile at the last meeting.

Race No. 9—Hurst Park Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This sprint event will conclude the day's racing and will be contested by second section Class 3 Australian ponies.

Noonday Sun ridden by Mr. Potemkin won the Jockey Club Handicap (First Section) at the Annual Meeting carrying 159 lb. It will be taken out by Mr. Gregory this afternoon and with the weight reduced by 12 lb. I consider its prospects of scoring another win rather bright.

Heroic Lassie (Mr. Potemkin) certainly looks dangerous and may cause an upset.

Rebel (Mr. R.K.C. Chiu) is not bad over this distance and can be depended to give the above two ponies a good run for the first position.

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Madcap-Canadian Game Needle Match

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The Madcap-Canadian senior league tussle will dominate the softball scene this week, as Buster Hollands' Merry Madcaps threaten to topple the Canucks from the "top of the perch" slot in the scramble for the Molten Trophy.

The minor loop Jaguars tangle with the Rangers, the former completing the 14-game programme in which they lost the first game and have since hung up an envious record of 12 consecutive victories.

The Pirates in the ladies loop, too, will complete their season's programme as they cross bats with the Wildcats.

The Madcaps will start off as favourites in the senior league feature game, and although a triumph for the Hollandsmen at this late stage of the flag chase will not materially affect their chances for the pennant, nevertheless they will be in there fighting, especially when the odds are stacked against them.

The Canadians are at the moment head of the league, and after their encounter against the Madcaps this week, will only have to contend with Doc Molten's Basebatters. Whether they will have to meet the Saints again in a play-off or not, depends on two things.

First, the Association's belated decision on the Saints-Recreo game and possibility of a victory by the Saints over VRC when these two teams meet in the next week in the last league fixture.

In any case, it is not likely that the Canucks will take any chances this week, especially when they have climbed so far this year. It may even be the Canucks' first pennant year since local softball was born.

Bill Woo

The Maple Leafs fielded scratch teams at the last two outings, and the chances of their

Kit Chee Club Censured, Fined By HKFA

The Kit Chee Football Club was censured and also fined \$50 at a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night.

Kit Chee were censured because their 2nd XI was 10 minutes late in the match against Dockyard at Causeway Bay, on Saturday, while the fine was imposed because members of the 2nd XI had made insulting references to Pte. V. J. K. Collins, referee in charge of the match, while in the dressing room after the match.

The Sub-Committee said referees must at all times be treated with respect and warned Kit Chee that if there was any recurrence of a similar incident, the Club itself might be suspended.

Yan Tat-chung of the Kit Chee 2nd XI, who was sent off the field for misconduct, during the match was suspended until November 30.

Cautions against Kwok Ying-wai and Cheung Chi-ping, also of Kit Chee, were registered by the Sub-Committee.

Lau Sheng of Tramways, who was sent off the field for misconduct by Mr. Lai Duen-po during the match against Army, Kit Chee, was severely cautioned by the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee commended Lau Sheng on his conduct as Captain of the Tramways XI in asking members of his team to continue playing after he had been sent off.

Colombo Draw

Colombo, February 24.

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S. China 'A,' Saints Meet In Shield Semi-Final Today

(By "Rover")

The Senior Challenge Shield semi-final between South China "A" and St. Joseph's this afternoon holds promise of being the best soccer match on the programme this week-end.

Tomorrow, Kit Chee and Police will meet on the Club Ground in the other Senior Challenge Shield semi-final and another keen tussle is expected.

Of the two Junior Challenge Shield semi-finals, the game between Dockyard and South China on the Club Ground at Happy Valley tomorrow is likely to provide more interesting football than today's semi-final between Kowloon Mc or Bus and Tramways at Sookunpoo.

In addition to the Challenge Shield semi-finals, two Senior Division and four Junior Division matches, all postponed fixtures, will be played off during the week-end.

After taking part in two far-cial games against their "B" team last week, South China "A" will have to settle down to some serious football this afternoon if they hope to enter the final round of the Senior Challenge Shield Competition.

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George Choa Beats Wong At Tennis

Sparkling tennis was served yesterday by George Choa, the former University Champion, in his Open Singles Championship match with the CRC player, Wong Shiu-wing.

The match of the evening between Lee Boon-sing, the Java player, and Choy Tin-fook, one of the seeded eight, was most disappointing with a walk-over to Lee. A sprained ankle prevented Choy from taking the court.

The George Choa-Wong Shiu-wing match was easily the best of the day.

The former gave a grand exhibition of all-round strokes, and his well-timed follow-ups to the net after some beautiful good length drives were a delight to watch.

Wong, although the less orthodox of the two, made a gallant stand, especially in the second set.

The CRC player started by taking the first two sets, but could do nothing for the rest of the set, when Choa got into his stride. With full-length drives, forehand volleys and overhead smashes, he took all the next six games in a row to win the set.

The first lead in the second set also went to Wong, who then jumped to a 3-2 and later a 4-3 lead.

Wong was now getting his drop-shots accurately. Just over the net, but Choa began to play a careful game from the baseline and some exciting rallies were seen at this stage.

With the score at 4-all, the tension grew, but Choa just managed to put that something extra into the next two games, which went to deuces to win the set and match.

The game between Harry Ayres and 14-year-old F. Lin was a David-Goliath affair.

Lin, who stood barely four feet in his shoes, earned rounds of applause for a few passing shots which had the lanky Ayres completely beaten.

Goliath triumphed easily this time.

Full scores: H.A. Ayres beat F. Lin, 6-0, 2-2. George Choa beat Wong Shiu-wing, 6-2, 6-4. Lee Boon-sing beat Choy Tin-fook, 6-0, 6-4. F.V. Harrison beat W. Silberg, 6-0, 6-4. J.V. Sellers beat Wong Shiu-wing, 6-2, 7-5. Tsui Wai-pui beat D. Gosano, 6-1, 6-1. J.M. Belme beat J.A.C. Hurlbath, 6-3, 6-3.

Tomorrow

*Senior Shield Semi-final: South China "A" v St. Joseph's Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.; Referee: J. G. Farley.

*Junior Shield Semi-final: Dockyard v South China, Club Ground, 4 p.m.; Referee: A. F. Williams.

*First Division League: KMH v Tramways, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.; Referee: J. Day; Linemen: Li Bing-long and Ma Yeung-fui.

*Second Division League: CAA v Eastern (P.P. from 1.1.49), Boundary, 4 p.m.; Referee: V. Gaffney; Linemen: Liu Shu-ming and Li Davey.

*Police v Navy (P.P. from 1.1.49), Boundary, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: A. E. P. Guest.

*Solicitors v St. Joseph's (P.P. from 1.1.49), St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.; Referee: Pta. Collins.

*Duration of match (Shield Semi-finals) shall be 90 minutes. Any extra ten minutes each way must be played in the event of a draw.

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